

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



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DEACON ASSISTANT: Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 10:00AM to Noon
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday: Closed

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Keep us informed... If you or a loved one is in or will be going into the hospital or nursing home please let us know. We rely on you to keep us updated. Many times we are unable to obtain this information from the hospital or nursing home. *Thank you.*



VOTIVE CANDLES:

The beautiful Votive Candles are available for your special remembrances and prayers. The cost to light a candle is \$3.50 each (please place the money in the basket or money box located next to the candles). You may also send in your request and payment to the rectory office and we will be most happy to light the candle for you. You may include your special request which we will noted in prayer when lighting your candle. *Thank you.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

First Saturday, January 5th: Vigil Mass

- 8:30 am (SA) Confessions
- 9:00 am (SA) Our Blessed Mother, Mary
- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Sally & Ted R zodkiewicz by Daughters and Family

Sunday, January 6th: Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 am (SC) Paul & Mary Naguszewski by Jerry & Mary Ann Anuszkiewicz
- 9:30 am (SC) *LATIN MASS*: Ludwig Kowalski by Victor & Ruth Kowalski
- 11:00 am (SC) Andy Malinowski by Jackie & Jerry Luck
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Monday, January 7th: Christmas Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Norbert Sulecki by Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Robert Naguszewski by Delphine Palkovic

Tuesday, January 8th: Christmas Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Helen Pochatko by Mae Palkovic
- 12:05 pm (SA) Marilyn & John Jeffrey by Paul & Lisa Galla

Wednesday, January 9th: Christmas Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Fr. Donald Berdis by Sr. Kevin Berdis
- 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased members of The Eastside Federation of Social Clubs

Thursday, January 10th: Christmas Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Special Intentions
- 12:05 pm (SA) Deceased Relatives & Friends of Vickie Weber

Friday, January 11th: Christmas Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) All Parishioners Living and Deceased
- 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased Officers and Members of the Eastside Federation

Saturday, January 12th: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Steve Zielonka by Jen & John Palmer

Sunday, January 13th: Baptism of the Lord

- 8:00 am (SC) Theresa Kownacki, Anniversary by Sisters and Brother
- 9:30 am (SC) *LATIN MASS*: Special Intention
- 11:00 am (SC) Johanna Berdis, Anniversary by husband Larry Berdis
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Marilyn & John Jeffrey by Paul & Lisa Galla
 - 2) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul Galla
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Living & Deceased of the Slovak National Club
- 2) Private Intentions

St. Casimir's

- 1) Private Intentions
- 2) Private Intentions

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.

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sunday (1/6) Epiphany of the Lord.** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.
- Monday (1/7)** Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.
- Tuesday (1/8)** Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.
- Wednesday (1/9)** Rectory Office is closed.
- Thursday (1/10)** Rectory office is closed.
- Friday (1/11)** Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.
- Saturday (1/12)** Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil Mass (SC).
- Sunday (1/13) Baptism of the Lord.** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Little Christmas or Three Kings). Blessings and Graces to all of you! This is the traditional day for the Magi, the three Kings to have reached Bethlehem and the infant Jesus was no revealed and made manifest to the outside world. The Magi followed the star that led them to Jesus, the light of the world. We are now called upon to make Jesus manifest by our work and deeds wherever we go throughout the world. May we pray in thanksgiving today for Jesus made manifest to the world. †Today, as always, we ask you to pray for vocations especially today we ask prayers for our diocesan seminarians/students for the priesthood. Keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers. †Thank you for your usual generosity in the collection baskets these past few weeks. For the benefit of those who may like to add anything to their contributions for last year, 2018, our books will remain open for the next few days. Please turn in any make up envelopes as soon as possible and they will be added to last year's collection. We thank you for your generous support of the parish in 2018 and we hope and pray that you will be able to do the same in our new year of 2019. Please remember that our God will not be outdone in generosity. †Important Pro-Life dates to remember: January 12, 2019 Pro-Life Breakfast will be held at 9AM at the Bayfront Convention Center. This year the special guest speaker is **Uju Ekeocha**, founder and president of the Culture of Life Africa movement. Cost is \$17.00 for those over 12, \$9.00 for ages 3 to 12, and those under 3 are welcome to attend free of cost. Come out and take a stand for life. The annual Pro-Life bus Trip to DC will be held on January 17, 2019 at 11PM. Cost is \$55.00 per seat and you will participate in the March for Life in Washington DC. The Erie March for Life will be held on January 26th, 2019 beginning at 11AM at Perry Square, Erie, PA. We will give you more information as we get closer to these dates. †Our favorite native son, the **Honorable Bob E. Merski** is now officially a member of the state assembly in Harrisburg, PA. **Bob** is a lifelong member of Holy Family and former teacher in the Erie Public Schools and a member of Erie City Council. **Bob** is also a graduate of Holy Family School and a former teacher of our school. **Bob** is married to the former **Emily Mosco** and they are the parents of little **Robert**, a junior usher at our 11:00 Sunday Mass. We once again congratulate **Assemblyman Bob** and pray that he does a fantastic job in Harrisburg. †Another of our favorite native sons is **Father John Paul Kuzma, OFM Cap.** Home for the Christmas holydays, especially for the Feastday of the Holy Family last Sunday. He celebrated the special Mass at Holy Family Church at 11:30AM last Sunday, gave the homily, and greeted you at the door following the Mass. **Father John Paul** was happy to see so many of you and thanks you for being present at his special Mass for the feast of the Holy Family. †I again want to thank all of you for all of the work that you did as we celebrated Advent and prepared for our celebrations of Christmas, New Year's, Feast of the Holy Family, and Epiphany. You did well and our celebrations were reverent, prayerful, and meaningful! Thanks again for everything! Follow that star and stay close to the Christ child, his blessed and holy Mother Mary and his Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph! Join us next weekend for the Baptism of the Lord. Blessed, Holy, Healthy, and Happy New Year to all! Marry Little Christmas! Let's continue to pray for one another!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

The Five Lessons of the Magi

This insightful reflection was written by Bishop Robert Barron. Many of you are familiar with his work as a prolific author, speaker and evangelizer. He is well known for his excellent video series on "Catholicism" which appeared on television several times.

"The unforgettable story of the journey of the Magi, as recounted in the Gospel of Matthew is an artful summary of the principal dynamics of spiritual life. Watching the night sky with scrupulous attention for signs of God's purpose, the Magi evoke the importance of alertness in the spiritual order. We must keep our eyes open to see what God is up to. For far too many people the spiritual life never gets underway, precisely because they do not pay attention. Once they saw the star they moved despite the length of the journey and the dangers of the road. Sometimes people know what God wants them to do, but they don't act, either out of fear or laziness or the influence of bad habits. In their confident journeying forth the Magi teach us not to miss the propitious moment. They teach us how to move.

When they entered into Herod's territory, the Magi caught the attention of the king. And when they spoke to him of the birth of a new King of the Jews, Herod became frantic and tried to use them in order to destroy the baby. A third lesson: when you walk the path that God has laid out for you, expect opposition. We live in a sinful, fallen world, and there will always be forces at cross purposes to God. Refusing to cooperate in Herod's game, the wise men came to Bethlehem, found the child and gave him their precious gifts. When you come to Christ, don't give him your second best: break open the very best of yourself and make it a gift for him. Finally, they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and so "they returned to their home country by another route." As Fulton Sheen commented so magnificently: of course they did; for no one comes to Christ and goes back the same way he came!"

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, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Kathy Mays, 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., David & Kelly Sweny, Helen Dolak, 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 McMahon, 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 2018

**DUE TO EARLY PUBLICATION DEADLINES
OFFERTORY REPORTS WILL BE UPDATED WHEN
AVAILABLE.**

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2018
REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 11TH**

PLEDGED: \$24,571.00 PAID: \$24,471.00

The 2018 CSA has come to an end. Thank you to each and everyone of you who made the 2018 CSA a success. Each and Every donation helps your parish keep the home fires burning.

Thank you for your continued love and support of your parish, may God Bless you one and all.

***Don't forget your parish in your
year end giving!***

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Thank you to each and everyone, our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, our family for the deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish for your continued love, support and generosity. As you consider your year end donations/gifts don't forget to include your beloved parish.

Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!

2018 Year End Contribution Statements will be available after Jan. 25th. Please sign up to receive your statement.

**INFORMATION UPDATE or NEW
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