

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, December 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe

No Public Masses or Confessions at St. Casimir's  
(SC) Special Intentions Nellie Tompkins by Jean Deniziak

### Sunday, December 13th: Third Sunday of Advent

Diocese Special Second Collection for Religious Retirement

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confession  
9:00 am (SC) Confessions  
9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass ~ Owen Farnen by Vic & Ruth Kowalski

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Louise Grolemond by Family

### Monday, December 14th: St. John the Cross

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Marie Dzuricky by Family

### Tuesday, December 15th: Advent Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass ~ Edwin S. Ropelewski, Anniversary by Sisters

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Fr. James O'Hara by Frank and Connie Minichelli

### Wednesday, December 16th: Advent Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass and Confessions

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Souls in Purgatory by Brother Paul A. Wilson, Ofm

5:30pm (SC) Latin Mass ~ Fr. James T. O'Hara by Latin Mass Community

### Thursday, December 17th: Late Advent Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession

11:30 pm (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Charles Shanta from Vento Family

### Friday, December 18th: Late Advent Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Good health and healing for Monica Palkovic from Mom, Daniel and Candace

### Saturday, December 19th: Late Advent Weekday

No Public Masses or Confessions at St. Casimir's

### Sunday, December 20th: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass ~ Szabo & Tomczak Families by Lou Szabo

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass ~ Carl & Theresa Kuruc and Family by Brother Paul A. Wilson, Ofm

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Shirley Amendola by Cathy & Tim Merski

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Parishioners

2) Sick and Shut-ins of our Parish

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

### St. Ann's

1) Joseph Pochatko by Family

2) Charles Chase by Family

### St. Casimir's

1) Deceased Members of the Wodecki & Osiecki Families

2) Chuck Brower by wife Florence and Family

## FINANCIAL REPORT ~ 2020

Offertory for Dec, 6, 2020 \$4,259.00

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

2020 Goal: \$21,446.00

### Report As of December 12, 2020

Pledged Amount: \$17,585.00 Paid Amount: \$17,165.00

Thank you we are getting closer to our goal we are now \$3,861.00 away for reaching our goal.

Can we count on you, please! Simply send in your 2020 CSA pledge/contribution and watch our numbers grow.

Please remember during this time you may drop your weekly offertory and CSA contributions in the mail slot at the rectory office or mail them to the rectory office.

The parish office is located at  
913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503

Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!



## Last Day to drop off your donations for The GECAC GIVING TREE

Today Sunday, December 13th, is the LAST day to drop off your gifts at St. Casimir's Church.

Your gift will give them a very Merry Christmas. Their First name is on the name tag along with their wish list. Simply wrap the gift(s) and return the name tag along with the gifts so they will be given to the corresponding individual. GECAC will pick up the gifts in the back to St. Casimir's Church today, December 13th. Remember today, December 13th is the last day for gift pickup. Thank you and God Bless.

The Rectory Office remains closed at this time.

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the Publication Date, Saturday, December 12, 2020

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

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)**

**Christmas Schedule ...** We all know that this Christmas will be like no other. While we are still offering masses, our Bishop's dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day masses is still in effect. Please consider your personal circumstances before deciding to attend a Christmas mass. If you are tentative or nervous it is acceptable to stay home.

Here is our schedule:

#### **Christmas Eve**

4pm at St. Ann Church

4pm at St. Casimir Church

#### **Christmas Day**

9:30 am St. Casimir (Traditional Latin Mass)

11:00 am St. Casimir

#### **Feast of the Holy Family -December 27**

9:30 am St. Casimir (Traditional Latin Mass)

11:00 am at St. Casimir

11:00 am at Holy Family Church with Brother John Paul Kuzma as the Celebrant

The **Christmas Eve** masses have traditionally been the most attended and to reduce crowd size there will be two masses at the same time but at different locations. If one church becomes crowded, you may be directed to the other. If you choose to attend on Christmas Eve please be open to attending either church. Please plan to arrive at least 5 minutes before mass starts.

If you plan to attend the 11 am mass on the **Feast of the Holy Family** and have no church preference please attend at St. Casimir. **If you plan to attend at Holy Family please call Mike Kuzma at 814-969-0497** by December 24. This will enable us to estimate the expected crowd.

With all the complications surrounding our Holiday this year, one thing remains constant: the Word became Flesh and Jesus comes into our hearts. In spite of the difficulties that we face this year let us pause to seek his presence and love because we know that we will find it. Then, let us share it with one another!

**Please pray** for the families of Dolores Osiecki, Edward Jares, and James Berdis who have returned to the Lord. Eternal Rest grant unto them.

**A Special Thank You to:** Everyone who supported GECAC's angel tree (minus the tree this year) and their earlier drive for personal items for the disadvantaged. Through our giving spirit as a parish we have brought the love of Christ to many and brightened their days. Our giving spirit as a parish really brightened the day for many people.

All who participated in **#iGiveCatholic**. We received \$650 which will really help with parish expenses.

**Who are You? ...** How would each of us answer the questions posed to John the Baptist in our Gospel: Who are you? What are you? The answers to the questions posed to John apply to each of us as Christians. By our Baptisms we are called to live our lives as models of Christ, and to be heralds of the good news, we are called to be prophets, voices crying out. Just as Jesus sent John the Baptist to announce his arrival giving him a role in building up his kingdom - In the same way he has entrusted the defense and expansion of his kingdom to the Church and each one of us. Just as he gave John the honor and responsibility of announcing his coming he gives each one of us the responsibility of spreading his word. As a prophet John was given the task of awakening the hearts of people and arousing in them the desire to understand Christ when he came. As a prophet he was to shake people out of their complacency. All of us are like the people in John's time. We get complacent, busy about our earthly affairs and sometimes indifferent to what God is calling us to do. Each year at this time how often do we say or think that Christmas has become so commercialized, so secular, or we ask how can we reclaim it as holy day for ourselves and our family? We can start by having the inner vision that enables us to be totally caught up in God's plan, to be that *voice of one crying out in the desert*. Just like John, we are called to be the prophets of our time, to shake ourselves and others out of our indifferences, to become true witnesses of our faith, to see things as God sees them. Let us be the ones who cry out in the desert by standing together for the sake of the Gospel, and by raising our voices in defense of the truth. Let us always speak up. That's what prophets do - that is who and what we are.



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