

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 25th: Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Sunday
Private (SA) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) In memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by John J. Gutting

Monday, September 26th: Sts. Cosmas and Damian

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

Tuesday, September 27th: St. Vincent de Paul

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by Kathy Rzodkiewicz

Wednesday, September 28th: St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Georgianna Hartman by Nieces

Thursday, September 29th: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Joseph Lorelli by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Friday, September 30th: St. Jerome

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

First Saturday, October 1st: St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) Dorothy M. Oldach by Margaret A. McCall

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

Sunday, October 2nd: Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Sunday

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

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Phil Stahon by Family

Monday, October 3rd: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

Tuesday, October 4th: St. Francis of Assisi

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Frank Hodas, Anniversary by Christine Visosky

Wednesday, October 5th: St. Faustina Kowalska

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Health and Healing of Sam Gangemi by Helen and Andrew Gangemi

2) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla

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

St. Ann's

1) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

2) Pray for more vocations to religious life

St. Casimir's

1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

2) The Ropelewski Family by Estate

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday Offertory ~ Sept. 18, 2022: \$1,135.25

Catholic Education Collection ~ Sept. 18, 2022: \$236.00

St. Ann's New Roof Fundraiser Campaign ~ \$1,650.00

Expenses ~ August 2022

Erie Water Works: \$566.90

Penelec: \$598.15

National Fuel: \$220.84

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$10,837.00

Paid: \$8,807.00

We have an increase to report again this week!

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 your CSA contributions or Mass requests on the same check as your offertory. Separate checks, please. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: The **parish mailing address** remains 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503 until further notice.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Pastoral Council met this week and discussed plans to install cameras around the church as well as other security measures. A special thanks to Rod Showers for coordinating this effort. There were no further developments in the sale of the Holy Family school, convent, and rectory. I will advise you of any new updates. Again, **Holy Family Church is not for sale at this time.**

The front doors at St. Casimir have been modified to include **ADA thumb locks**. This will prevent anyone from being locked in the church while allowing an easy exit from the church if the doors are locked. The thumb locks were also added on select doors at St. Ann church. The lock on the side door by the garage at St. Casimir has also been changed to one that is sturdier and more secure. Special thanks to David Dombkowski for leading this project. Costs are being covered from the Erie Gives donations.

A very special thank you to those who have donated for the **new roof on the St. Ann's rectory**. We have received \$1,650 so far which means less will have to come from the development fund to cover the costs. Thanks again for your kindness and generosity – it helps, as Father O'Hara used to say, "keep the home fires burning."

Bishop Lawrence Persico will celebrate a **Mass for Respect Life Sunday** on Oct. 2 at 11:30 a.m. at The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, 353 Pine St., Meadville. A reception immediately follows Mass. Pro-life groups are encouraged to RSVP and attend together. Groups can RSVP by visiting the Social Justice and Life webpage at www.ErieRCD.org/socialjusticelife or by calling 814-824-1250. Questions can be directed to Patrice Swick, director of the Social Justice and Life Office, at sjl@ErieRCD.org

The 28th annual **Erie Diocesan Rosary March** will be held Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Jude the Apostle Church, 2801 W. 6th St., Erie. The rosary also will be led by Fr. Jerry Priscaro inside the church at the same time for those who are unable to march. Following the rosary, there will be a special prayer service inside the church with exposition and Benediction. Father David Renne, vice rector of St. Mark Seminary, Erie, and a member of the faculty of Gannon University, Erie, will be the guest homilist. This event is sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima. For more information, contact John Walsh at 814-868-1100.

Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie is sponsoring a **bingo night** Oct. 9 at JPT Bingo Hall, 2319 W. 38th St., Erie, to benefit Erie Night to Shine, a prom-style experience for people with special needs. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., with bingo starting at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each in advance or \$35 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Our Lady of Peace Church office, 2401 W. 38th St., or Ambridge Rose Salon, 3344 W. 26th St., Erie. BYOB and snacks. There also will be a basket auction and 50/50. Erie Night to Shine is sponsored by the parish.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Erie invites everyone to its popular **spaghetti dinner** on Oct. 9 from noon to 5 p.m. at Scheffner Hall on the parish grounds at 1531 East Grandview Blvd., Erie. Betsy Annunziata of Nunzi's fame will prepare the dinner, which will support the parish. The dinner cost is \$12 per person. Dine-in or carry out.

Noticing others

Most of us at one time or another have seen a needy person on the sidewalk or at an entrance to a building asking for help. People stream by and no one stops to help as they continue with their eyes focused straight ahead, avoiding eye contact thinking if they don't see or notice the person, they do not have to do anything.

That is the case with the rich man in our Gospel. It wasn't so much that he did something wrong, the real problem was he did nothing at all. Just imagine the rich man walking out his front gate each day, carefully stepping over Lazarus, intently trying not to notice his need, and trying to avoid doing anything to alleviate his suffering. All it would have taken from the rich man was a little food, a little bit of human kindness, some clean clothing, a decent coat and a warm hat. Very practical things and perhaps things that the rich man had in abundance and could easily have shared with someone in need – but he didn't.

When someone is in need, we may not be able to solve all their problems, but we can do little things to ease their sadness and suffering. Sometimes all that is needed is a little food; some clean, used clothes; a bottle of water and a cereal bar; a gift card to a fast-food restaurant; a listening ear and a prayerful heart. The willingness to give these little bits of our selves can ease the burdens of others, especially this time of year as the weather begins to cool and the nights become longer. We are dependent upon one another, and we are dependent upon God. We are all people in need. We need God's love. We need God's forgiveness. We need Jesus our Savior, who freely offered himself to save us and bring us to eternal life.

So, our message today is not that we are automatically doomed to an eternity in torment if we have wealth and possessions. It is about loving God, and loving our neighbor (the basic commandment), and whether we truly see the ones right in front of us who could benefit from our gifts.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus shows favor to the poor, the lame and the downtrodden. He challenges us to do the same as we will be judged by how we loved.