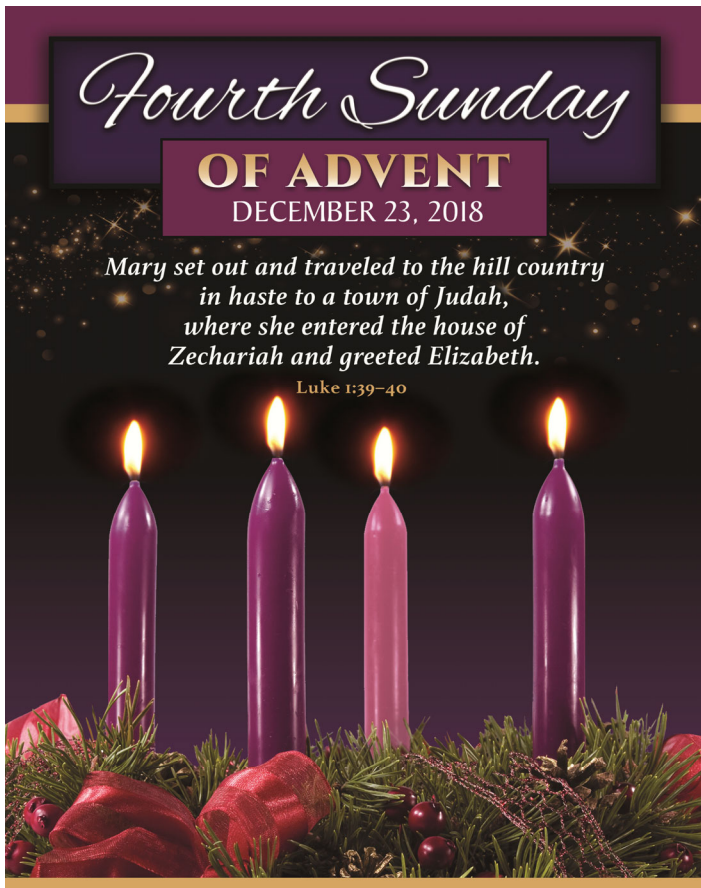


Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



Fourth Sunday of Advent. The fourth and final candle will be lit at all weekend Masses as we continue our journey toward the birth of our Savior on Christmas Day.

Christmas Mass Schedule

All Masses will be at St. Casimir's.

**Monday, December 24th, Vigil Masses
4:00 and 9:00 PM**

**Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day
8:00, 9:30 (Latin) and 11:00 AM**

Last chance to get your traditional **CHRISTMAS WAFERS, THE OPLATKI**. Your **generous** offering helps cover the cost of preparing and making the wafers available for you. Please place your contribution in a plain envelope marked Oplatki/Christmas Wafers. If any are left you may obtain Oplatki in the back of St. Casimir's Church or at the rectory office during regular office hours. **Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia**



Sunday, December 30, 2018—Feast of The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Join us at 11:30AM for Mass at Holy Family Church. Father John Paul Kuzma, O.F.M. Cap. will be our celebrant for this feast day Mass. All are welcome.



**Our Mother of Sorrows Parish
Rectory/Business Office**
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Saint Casimir Church
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Saint Ann Church
921 East Ave. * Erie, PA 16503

Holy Family Church
913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503

PASTOR: Father James T. O'Hara
DEACON ASSISTANT: Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski

Office Hours

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

Today Is Born Our Savior, Christ The Lord



Merry Christmas

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 22nd: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Clara & Harry (Pete) Rzomp by Susan & Patrick Rzomp
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, December 23rd: Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am (SC) Daniel A. Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters & Brother
- 9:30 am (SC) **LATIN MASS** ~ *Celebrant: Fr. Power Kelly Morando* by Anna & David Dieteman
- 11:00 am (SC) Fr. Donald and Living & Deceased of The Berdis by Sister Kevin Berdis
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, December 24th: Late Advent/Christmas Eve

No Morning Masses Today

- 4:00pm (SC) Dale Sorensen and Bob & Audrey Dietz by Families
- 9:00pm (SC) Michael & Helen Ropelewski by Daughters and Son

Tuesday, December 25th: Christmas Day

The Nativity of the Lord

- 8:00 am (SC) Theresa Kownacki by Sisters & Brother
- 9:30 am (SC) **Latin Mass:** Living and Deceased of the Latin Mass Community
- 11:00 pm (SC) All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Wednesday, December 26th: St. Stephen

- 7:00 am (HF) NO Mass
- 8:00 am (SC) Stephen Ropelewski, Birthday by Ropelewski Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by daughter Stephany & Steve Winiarczyk

Thursday, December 27th: St. John

- 7:00 am (HF) NO Mass
- 8:00 am (SC) Evelyn Turowski, Anniversary by daughter Janet
- 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased of The Galla & Walach Families by Paul Galla

Friday, December 28th: The Holy Innocents

- 7:00 am (HF) NO Mass
- 8:00 am (SC) Steve Zielonka by Lynn & Gordon Bailey
- 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by son Larry Berdis

Saturday, December 29th: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Anna Ritter, Birthday by Mary Wiczorek and Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, December 30th: Feast of the Holy Family

- 8:00 am (SC) Bohun Family by Vogel 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) NO Mass at St. Casimir's
- ➔11:30am (HF) Feast of The Holy Family,
Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Celebrant: Father John Paul Kuzma, O.F.M. Cap.
Mass Intention: Fr. Donald Berdis and Living & Deceased of the Berdis Family by Sister Kevin Berdis

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Living & Deceased Members of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul Galla
- 2) Living & Deceased Members of The Slovak National Club
Our Mother of Sorrows: Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Father Donald Berdis by The Berdis Family
- 2) All Parishioners Living & Deceased

St. Casimir's

- 1) Theodore & Sally R zodkiewicz by daughters & families
- 2) All Parishioners Living & Deceased

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 (12/23) Fourth Sunday of Advent. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC) with Fr. Power as our celebrant. Rectory office is closed. Lighting of the Advent Wreath at all Masses.

Please watch Mass Schedule for our Christmas Masses.

Monday (12/24) Christmas Eve. Rectory office closed. No Morning Masses.

Tuesday (12/25) Christmas Day. Merry Christmas. Rectory office is closed.

Wednesday (12/26) Rectory Office is closed.

Thursday (12/27) Rectory office is closed.

Friday (12/28) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Saturday (12/29) Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil Mass (SC).

Sunday (12/30) Feast of The Holy Family. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). No 11AM Mass at St. Casimir's today. 11:30AM Mass at Holy Family Church for the Feast of The Holy Family with Father John Paul Kuzma, O.F.M. Cap. as our celebrant. Rectory office is closed.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christmas, "so hallowed and gracious is the time..."

We warmly welcome all who have come to celebrate this glorious feast with us! We welcome the stranger, the traveler, and the guest. We welcome our students home from school for a good winter's rest. We welcome parishioners who have moved far away but join us today as old friends and guests. We welcome all who have not been active of late in the practice of their faith. We hope that they find new hope and inspiration this Christmas to come back again and again. We welcome all our parishioners loyal and faithful to the end. May the lord bless and reward all of you for all you do for us. Welcome to all! May our gathering gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds. We are after all the people of God saved and redeemed by Jesus the Light. May we always walk by the light and live by the light together in love. **CHRISTMAS BLESSING TO ALL OF YOU!**



Welcome everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Make ready the way of the Lord! Come Lord Jesus, King of Mercy! †The Advent Wreath will be lit again today with all four candles burning! Come Lord Jesus! Blessed, Holy, Happy Christmas to all of you! †Our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance held recently at the Third Street Falcons was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to **Brian Martin, Lisa Matera, and Caroline Larson** and all who helped in anyway. The lucky 50/50 winner was **Mr. Craig Fournier** who received \$330.00. Thanks again to everyone for everything. Same time next year! †The traditional Christmas Wafers the "Oplatki" are available after all Masses this weekend. Your generous offering helps keep this precious custom alive and well. If any remain they may be found in the back of the church. †Today, as always we ask you to pray for vocations especially today we ask prayers for our diocesan seminarians/students for the priesthood. According to information provided us by the Diocesan Office of Vocations the following are students for the priesthood at the present time: **John Hepinger, Kevin Holland, Joseph Petrone, Brandon Feikles, Benjamin Dagher, Nicholas Fratus, Christopher Wheeler, Jason Koshinske, Cory Pius, Daniel Weaver, Christopher Beran, Luke Dagher, Thomas Whiteford, Garrett Heyn, and John MacKenzie.** Keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers. †This year the entire Christmas Collection will go to our parish for various needs for the good of all. We thank you in advance for your usual generosity. Merry Christmas again to all of you and your relatives and friends as well. †The retired, ill, and elderly Sisters and Religious Order Priests and Brothers thank you for remembering them in the recent retirement collection that was taken up for their benefit. If you missed that one you can still add to it at your convenience. Thank you for your care and concern for our Sisters and Religious Order Priests and brothers. †Important Pro-Life dates to remember: January 12, 2019 Pro-Life Breakfast, January 17, 2019 Bus trip to Washington DC, January 26th, 2019 Erie March for Life. We will give you more information as we get closer to these dates. †We were recently remembered in the wills of Mr. Stanley Lipinski and Mr. Ted Jankowski. Both were longtime members of St. Casimir's and we are deeply grateful for their generosity. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. May they both rest in peace. †Our favorite native son, **Father John Paul Kuzma, OFM Cap.** hopes to join us for the Feastday of the Holy Family on December 30th. He will celebrate the special Mass at Holy Family Church and hopes that many of you will be able to join him. Thanks for everything! It is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! Merry Christmas Everyone! Stay close to the Christ child and his Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph! Blessed, Holy, and Happy Christmas to all! Let's continue to pray for one another!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY**As We Approach Christmas...**

I pray and hope that you and your loved ones may always know the peace and love that comes from our Savior Jesus Christ. Please take a few moments, and in the true spirit of Christmas take some time to visit our Nativity scene to pray and meditate on the wonderful mystery of the Incarnation.

I share with you this insight on the Tradition of the Christmas Crib" from Pope Benedict XVI:

"Putting up a crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting faith, to pass it on to one's children. The crib helps us to contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. St. Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning the old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed the crib can help us understand the secrets of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ *who though he was rich made himself poor for us* (2Cor 8:9). His poverty enriches those who embrace it, and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the angel's words: *Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes* (Lk 2:12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium. There is no other Christmas."

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.

MONTHLY LOTTERY TICKETS are available. Our Mother of Sorrows Parish sponsors the monthly lottery tickets. \$5.00 per ticket for a month of possible winning. The winning number is based on the 7PM Pick 3 PA Lottery Drawing Number. You can win \$50 or \$100! Tickets are available in our churches and at the rectory office. See ticket for full details. Pick yours up today and start joining the winners circle.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
4:00 MASS \$1,351.00
8:00 MASS \$1,086.00
LATIN MASS \$734.00
11:00 MASS \$1,483.51
CANDLES \$73.00
TOTAL \$4,727.51

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2018

REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 3RD

PLEGGED: \$24,545.00 PAID: \$24,296.00

You still have time to make your pledge/contribution to the 2018 CSA. Simply drop your contribution into the offertory basket! Every donations helps your parish keep the home fires burning.

Envelope are available in your monthly packets or in each of our churches.

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 on or after Jan. 25th. Please sign up to receive your statement.

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 (Home and 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.