

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 30th: Thirty-First Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Anita Lewis by Mary Ann Lournoff
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

Monday, October 31st: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) The Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family by Estate

Tuesday, November 1st: All Saints Day

A Holy Day of Obligation

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Deceased Family Members of the Cieslak and Lewis Families by Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Cieslak
→4:00pm (SC) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Wednesday, November 2nd: All Soul's Day

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Thursday, November 3rd: St. Martin de Porres

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Helena Wodecki, Anniversary by daughter Caroline

First Friday, November 4th: St. Charles Borromeo

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

First Saturday, November 5th: Weekday

8:30am (SA) Confessions
9:00am (SA) Sandra Kujan Demchak by Bob Demchak
Private (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, November 6th : Thirty-Second Ordinary Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends—Fall Back-Clocks go back 1 hour
Private (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Dorothy M. Oldach by Bobby & Karen Mazur

Monday, November 7th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) The Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla
 - 2) Stanley Janikowski by Judy & Don Halcom
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) All Parishioners Living and Deceased
- 2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

St. Casimir's

- 1) Deceased Members of the Wodecki & Osiecki Families by Caroline Larson
- 2) Prayers for more vocations to religious life

FINANCIAL REPORT ~ OCTOBER 23, 2022

Sunday Offertory: \$1,213.00

World Mission Sunday: \$252.00

Expenses

Sewer and Water: \$686.62

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$10,944.00 Paid: \$9,039.00

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

Tuesday of this week is the **Feast of All Saints**, a holy day of obligation. Our mass times are 12:05 PM at St. Ann and 4:00 PM at St. Casimir.

Thanks to everyone who has donated to the **St. Ann Roof Repair Drive**. Once all the numbers are in, I will let you know how much we collected. We plan on replacing the roof on the rectory and having much needed repairs done to the slate roof on the church. Work was originally scheduled to begin this month and was rescheduled to start November 14 due to the availability of the lift equipment that is needed to complete the job. The cost for this project will be covered by the St. Ann Building and Development account which was designated to only be used for St. Ann. Looking to the future, the roof on St. Ann will most likely need extensive work. It has been patched and repaired for several years and is now starting to show its age.

We are beginning to receive requests for items and furnishings from the Holy Family school, convent, and rectory. Anyone wishing items from these buildings is to put their request in writing and submit it to me at the Parish Office. **Bob Merski** is assigned to oversee the disposition of the building contents and he will coordinate and evaluate each request with Pastoral Council and me to determine the next steps. No contents are to be removed from any of our buildings without Parish Council's consent and my written approval.

Today is the last day to return the winter coats for the **GECAC** drive to help the less fortunate. Once again, our parish rose to the occasion as all of the coats were taken and each person will now receive much needed winter clothing. A special thanks to everyone for your generosity and witness of faith.

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Salisbury steak dinner today, Oct. 30 from 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at **St. Andrew Parish**, 1116 W. 7th St., Erie. A 50/50 and Chinese auction will be available. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages three to seven, \$7 for ages seven to twelve, and \$30 for a family.

The **Latin Mass Community** at St. Hedwig Church invites everyone to their annual **Fall Dance** on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 6:30-10:30 PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, 1531 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$15 for a family. The donation will be collected at the door. Enjoy an evening of family fun and fellowship featuring John Meluch, MC and Fun Dance Instructor. There will be Polkas, Reels, Line, Square, Round and Swing dances along with games, a Chinese Auction, and contests. Each family is asked to bring an appetizer, snack or dessert to share and beverages (iced tea, lemonade and water) will be provided.

The **2022 Joan of Arc Ministries Women's Conference** (formerly called Catholic Women's Fellowship), *RESTORE*, will be held on Nov. 5 at North Catholic High School, 1617 Route 228, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, 16066. The event includes talks by Heather Khym from the Abiding Together Podcast, Katie Prejean McGrady from Sirius XM radio, and Father Joe Freedy. Join together with hundreds of women for Eucharistic adoration, confession, a time of prayer devoted to Our Lady, and a 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass with Bishop Mark Eckman. Ticket price of \$50 includes breakfast and lunch.

Will we accept the Invitation?

All of us have received an invitation into the home of someone. Whether it be a relative, friend or co-worker we usually accept the invitation and normally look forward to the visit. In our Gospel we see such an invitation except it is Jesus who invites himself into the home of [Zacchaeus](#) who was a chief tax collector in Jericho. Zacchaeus had a reputation as a harsh man, lining his own pockets with the collections he made. He also was seen as a traitor, working for the Roman rulers and against his own people. Yet he was searching for a way he could atone for his misdeeds and climbed the tree to get a glimpse of Jesus. Jesus sees Zacchaeus in the tree, orders him down from it, and then says, "today I must stay at your house." Zacchaeus came down quickly and received Jesus with joy. He repents, offers to give half his possessions to the poor, and repay ... four times over, anyone he has defrauded. And while the crowd grumbles at what they see, complaining of Jesus' association with sinners, they miss what is happening right in front of their eyes: for here in Jericho, Jesus has broken the walls of sin and greed that have surrounded Zacchaeus, and Zacchaeus has surrendered to Jesus' call to become a disciple. After he came to know Jesus, his heart was changed forever. The fire was lit in Zacchaeus and the sinful part of his heart has been burned away, leaving the good part to flourish. Just as Jesus did with Zacchaeus, he calls each of us by name. He invites himself into our lives and our homes. If we open ourselves to him, if we choose to respond to him with a sincere heart, we grow in our faith and love for Jesus. Zacchaeus probably didn't know that he was in need of a spiritual renewal but Jesus recognized it immediately, changed his plans and invited himself over for dinner. And of course Zacchaeus accepted. Accepting Jesus into our hearts may not involve physically climbing a tree. When we seek him in prayer and the sacraments, we come to know Jesus personally and we allow him to know us personally. In prayer, we allow ourselves to be transformed by his closeness to us. So whatever tree we need to climb to see Jesus, whatever tree we need to descend in order to embrace him, salvation awaits us. Just as Jesus did with Zacchaeus, he invites himself into our lives and our homes with the promise of salvation.

Will we accept the invitation?