

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 21st: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Diocesan Second Collection ~ International Needs

Private (SA) Norman Borczon by Family

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Kevin Allen, Anniversary by loving Mother

Monday, May 22nd: St. Rita of Cascia

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder, Birthday by Chris Falk

Tuesday, May 23rd: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Stephen Waterford by H. Lee

Wednesday, May 24th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Kathy and Matt Smithley by Jean Wroblewski

Thursday, May 25th: St. Bede the Venerable

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by Mark and Connie Kraus

Friday, May 26th: Saint Philip Neri

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Rose Marie Skrypek, Birthday May 19th, by husband Bob Skrypek

Saturday, May 27th: St. Augustine of Centerbury

Private: The deceased members of The Ropelewski Family by Estate

Sunday, May 28th: Pentecost Sunday/Wear Something Red

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

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

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

Monday, May 29th: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Memorial Day

→ 9:30am (SA) Confessions

→ 10:00am (SA) Michael Lucas, Birthday by Barbara Berdis

Tuesday, May 30th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Lucia Lee by H. Lee

Wednesday, May 31st: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla
 - 2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Rose Marie Skrypek, Birthday by husband Bob Skrypek
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

- 1) Health and Healing of all Sick and Shut-ins
- 2) Special Intentions of Caroline Larson by a friends

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 14, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$1,885.50

Gift from Knights of Columbus 4th Degree
for Saint Ann's Building Fund: \$500.00

Expenses

Erie Water Works—May 2023: \$587.12

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$6,473.00 Paid: \$5,073.00

Thank you to all who have pledged/paid their support to the 2023 CSA.
Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

The annual **Collection for International Needs**, will be taken up today. This collection offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in distant lands.

The **104th annual Novena to St. Ann** will be held from July 18 – 26, 2023 at St. Ann Church. Our guest speaker this year is Passionist Priest Father Francis Landry from St. Ann's Shrine in Scranton, PA. Weekday Masses Monday thru Friday at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm. Saturday Masses at 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. Sunday Masses at 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

Our **Knights Council** continues with their **Baby Bottle Fundraiser** to benefit the **Women's Care Center** of Erie's goal of purchasing a new state of the art **Ultrasound Machine** to replace an older unit at one of their other locations. We ask that you fill the bottles with your coins, cash, or checks and return them by the weekend of June 10-11. *Please make all checks payable to the Knights of Columbus.* Thank you for your time and we pray that you will join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of the unborn.

Wedding anniversary celebrations with Bishop Persico: Diocesan anniversary celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2023 will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer: Aug. 6 at Our Lady of Peace, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie at 2 p.m.; Aug. 20 at Sts. Cosmas and Damian, 616 W. Mahoning St., Punxsutawney at 2 p.m. Couples and/or parish staff may register by completing a registration form online at <http://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, or by contacting the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814.824.1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 21 for the Erie celebration and until Aug. 4 for the Punxsutawney celebration.

Transcendence invites you to a spring concert featuring new compositions by **Richard Robert Rossi**, alongside sacred and secular works by renowned composers such as Monteverdi, Bruckner, Stanford, Memley and Moses Hogan. The event will be held at **St. Peter Cathedral, 230 W 10th St., Erie on June 10 at 7 p.m.**, with Rossi as the conductor. Admission is free. For more information visit <https://stpetercathedral.com/transcendence>.

St. Jude the Apostle Parish is offering a chance to win a **2023 Z51 2LT Corvette Stingray** or \$50,000 in their latest fundraiser. The fundraiser, offering over \$100,000 in total prizes, also includes a second-place reward of a Disney World family vacation or \$10,000. The grand prize drawing will occur on Christmas Eve, but not before the parish awards cash prizes for 12 consecutive days leading up to the event. Interested parties can purchase tickets for \$50 each at www.winavette.com. All proceeds from the event will directly benefit Catholic education and various ministries within the parish community.

A relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis — author of the Eucharistic Miracle website as well as the first millennial to be beatified — will be available for veneration at several locations in the Diocese of Erie beginning May 23. In addition, a relic of **St. Manuel González García**, known as the Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle, will be included in this event offered as part of the national Eucharistic revival. All are invited to take advantage of this inspirational opportunity before the relics leave the United States to continue their global tour in the coming weeks. Find dates, locations and times for public veneration at www.eriercd.org/relics.html.

Jesus Prays for Us!

In this week's Gospel from John Jesus has just finished a meal with his apostles on the night he will be betrayed and handed over for crucifixion and now he concludes by saying farewell and praying for them.

Jesus knew the Apostles would need his prayers in the coming days as the cost of being one of his followers would be high and at times their lives would be in danger. There would be times when they would be tempted to run. He didn't pray that they be released from their problems rather they would have the strength to face and overcome them.

Jesus' prayer was not only for the disciples in his day and time – it was for us today. Jesus knows that we are still in the world and he knows the circumstances we face today. His prayer for us is that we have strength to face what we encounter.

As Christ's disciples in the world today, we can take comfort in our relationship with Christ especially knowing that Jesus prays for us! Just as he speaks of the original disciples with great affection and care, he has the same love and care for us. He gives us a model for our own prayer and it is that when we are faced with fear, an important decision or tough times in life we should not just try to go about it alone and leave it to chance – we need to raise our eyes to heaven and turn to Jesus in prayer.



This past week it was with great sadness we learned of the passing of **Fr. Joseph Gregorek**. In addition to his distinguished accomplishments in health care and academics, Fr. Joe served our parish for many years as a weekend assistant. Through his warm personality, wisdom and intellect, great sense of humor, and his commitment to the priesthood, he nourished our faith and provided pastoral care to our parish and its members whom he loved so dearly. I am personally grateful to Fr. Joe for welcoming me to the parish and supporting my ministry. I am sure many of us have fond memories of how he touched our lives in a special way and drew us closer to our Lord. He will be remembered by so many in our parish and beyond. Thank you, Fr. Joe, for sharing your wonderful life with us and for having us on the journey. We love you, and will continue to pray for you, your family and all who mourn for you.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

Congratulations to Monsignor Gerald Koos who is celebrating 57 years as a priest this year. Monsignor Koos's anniversary of his ordination is May 19th. Congratulations Monsignor Koos and thank you for the 57 years.

GECAC has invited us, Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, to participate in their "Spring" clean-up collection. Items will be distributed to the many needy families at the end of May. Items requested are Laundry Pods, Dryer Sheets, Paper Towels, Dish Soap, All Purpose Cleaner and Disinfected Wipes. For your convenience bags are available in the back of church. Please return your donations on May 21st or 28th. Items will be picked up after the 11AM Mass. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy project.

PLEASE USE OUR CORRECT ADDRESS!

The Parish Office address is 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503.

The mail slot is on the south side of St. Casimir's Church right at the end of the handicap ramp.

All mail and other correspondence is to be addressed to, mailed to or dropped off
at 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503

Soon mail will not be deliverable to the Fulton Street address.

Office hours are by appointment only.

Also, I have been working with our envelope provider and they are having some trouble with keeping our correct address on the return address envelopes in your monthly packets. Please remember the ONLY address for the parish office is 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503. Thank you.