

# *Our Mother of Sorrows Parish*

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



Happy Mother's Day

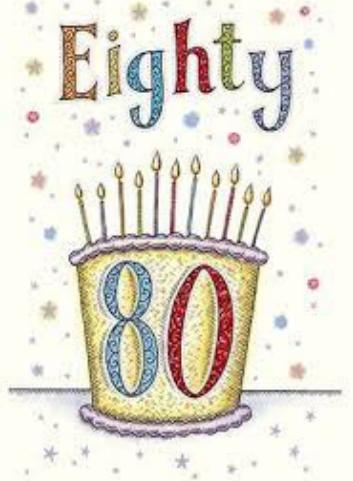
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**Saint Casimir Church**  
629 Hess Ave. \* Erie, PA 16503

**Saint Ann Church**  
921 East Ave. \* Erie, PA 16503

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

**OUR MOTHER OF SORROW PARISH STAFF:**  
**PASTOR:** Father James T. O'Hara  
**DEACON ASSISTANT:** Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski  
**ASSISTING:** Msgr. Gerald Koos (Retired); Msgr. Robert Smith (Retired); Father Jerry Priscaro (St. Ann), Father Joseph Gregorek (Retired).



Wishing Fr. O'Hara  
a Happy 80TH  
Birthday!

Fr. O'Hara celebrates his birthday on  
Monday, May 11, 2020



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

*Bishop Persico has suspended all public Masses and Services until further notice.*

Note: Each Mass intention will be remembered within the daily private Mass our Priest celebrate. You may also keep each Mass intention in your daily prayers.

**Saturday, May 9th: Vigil Mass**

(SC) Dorothy Palkovic, Birthday by Tom & Marlene and Family  
Mother's Day Intentions

**Sunday, May 10th: Fifth Sunday of Easter***Mother's Day*

(SC) Florence Szabo by son  
Mother's Day Intentions  
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**Monday, May 11th: Easter Weekday***Father O'Hara's Birthday*

(SC) Special Intentions of Fr. O'Hara on his Birthday  
(SA) Johanna Berdis, Birthday by husband Larry

**Tuesday, May 12th: Sts. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras**

(SC) Mother's Day Intentions  
(SA) Mother's Day Intentions

**Wednesday, May 13th: Our Lady of Fatima**

(SC) Mother's Day Intentions  
In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima  
(SA) Intentions of Mickey Pohl  
In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

**Thursday, May 14th: St. Matthias**

(SC) Intentions of Bob E. Merski, Birthday by his Staff  
(SA) Special Intention by A Donor

**Friday, May 15th: St. Isidore**

(SC) Henry Hart by The Hart Family  
(SA) Johanna Berdis by husband Larry

**Saturday, May 16th: Vigil Mass**

(SC) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl

**Sunday, May 17th: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

(SC) Casimir Ropelewski, Anniversary by Sisters and Brother  
(SC) Living & Deceased Relatives of Ng & DuBartell Families  
(SC) Bob E. Merski, Birthday by Friends

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS****Holy Family**

1) Special Intentions of Fr. O'Hara on his Birthday  
2) Mother's Day Intentions  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

**St. Ann's**

1) Rosemarie Skrypek by husband Bob  
2) Mother's Day Intentions

**St. Casimir's**

1) Special Intentions of Fr. O'Hara on his Birthday  
2) Mother's Day Intentions

**OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Shirley Ann Amendola,  
Service Men and Women, Parishioners,  
Friends & Benefactors

*Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.  
May they rest in peace.*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

The rectory office is closed until further notice.

☞ Please remember to notify the rectory office or use the form in this bulletin to notify us of a change in your address or telephone number. [I have noticed many parishioners do not have their phone numbers listed on their accounts. If you can spare a minute to use the form in this bulletin and simply fill in all your current/correct information and mail it in when you mail in your offertory this will be very helpful.] This helps us keep in touch. Also, please note it may take 2 to 3 mailing cycles before our offertory envelope provider updates your mailing address. Thank you for your help in keeping our records up to date.

**PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), Austin Agnello, Stephany Agnello, 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 Hawaii), and David Kraut  
*Please call-in with names to be added or removed from this list or change in location.  
Thank you for your service to our country.*



### ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***

Happy 5th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day! Greetings, Best Wishes, and Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful Mothers/Grandmothers/Great Grandmothers/Mothers-in-law and to all who have been like mothers to so many of us over the years! We rejoice with all of you and thank you for all that you did for us and continue to do for us everyday! May God bless and reward you for your love and many sacrifices past, present, and future! God's blessings to all of our Mother's living and deceased! Your Mother's Day Intentions will be remembered in all of our Masses and prayers for the rest of the month! †Thank you for your contributions to the Good Shepherd Collection last weekend! You will be remembered in all of the prayers and Masses of our retired, elderly, and ill priests and pastors. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers as well! May Jesus, the Good Shepherd, bless and keep all of you! †We miss seeing all of you at the weekend Masses and we can't wait for the day when all of you will be able to join us again for the weekend and weekday Masses. Until then be sure to say your daily prayers especially the rosary and the act of contrition. Many of you have requested a prayer for Spiritual Communion. The following prayer is my favorite: *My Jesus, I believe that you are really and truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I hope and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you now sacramentally, I ask you to come now spiritually into my heart and soul. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you and your Sacred Heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. I pray through Christ our Risen, Triumphant, and Victorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.* † These are difficult days for all of us. For you and your families and all of our parishioners, Our Mother of Sorrows Parish remains committed to the spiritual care of all parishioners and the entire community at large. Although how we do that has changed temporarily, our purpose remains the same. Please be assured of our daily prayers for all of you and our private Masses for your special intentions. Unfortunately our parish offices must be closed to the public during this time, we will reopen as soon as the emergency situation has ended and we are given permission by both the government and the diocese. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and charity. Stay Calm, Stay Home, Stay Safe! †Pope Francis has asked that we pray the rosary during May to end the virus. Bishop Persico had dedicated our diocese to Mary, Mother of the Church. Pray for an end to the virus! Pray for the health and safety of all! Holy May, pray for us! Sincerely in our Risen, Triumphant, and Victorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Amen!

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

**Jesus is Our Way!** In the midst of current times we often search for some sense of meaning, comfort, and consolation. We also may have many questions.

We are really not much different than people have been throughout troubled times in the history of the world. From ancient times philosophers have summed up our human condition as a quest to answer three fundamental questions: What should we do? What can we know? What can we hope for?

In this week's Gospel from John, Jesus Christ answers these questions, not merely with doctrine, but with his very person. In his answer to Thomas he is also telling us: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

"**I am the way**" can translate into: What should we do? Jesus tells us: Follow me! Do what I have done.

"**I am the truth**" means: What can we know? The truth is eventually we can know everything but it requires more than just shifting the intellectual sands of this world. When we have faith we come to know Jesus who is the truth, the secret behind the workings of the whole universe and the yearnings of the human heart.

"**I am the life**" means: What can we hope for? In Jesus, we can hope for and expect the fullness of life that we long for, even if we may not be able to put that longing into words. Jesus is the bread of life. He is the light of the world, a ray of hope in our darkness. When we long to satisfy our heart's deepest needs it is our faith that leads us to seek the face of Jesus and leads us to the place he has prepared for us. To seek anything else will lead us to a dead end.

In our Gospel the apostles were tense and troubled just as many of us are today. They had questions, just as we do today. Thomas asks Jesus "How can we know the way?" We often ask the same question perhaps in a different way – often we will ask "How can we get to God?" Jesus reassured the apostles they can know and get to the Father by believing and trusting in him. He does the same for us, he promises us a place in his Father's house in heaven and he promises to come back for us so that we can be with him for eternity.

If we really think about it, the question "How do we get to God" is really the wrong question because God finds us – he searches and finds us through his son Jesus Christ. We have been given the answers to the deepest questions of life because we have come to know Jesus and he is not the endpoint of our search. He is our way!

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Report for April 14, 2020**

Collection \$4,184.29

Lenten Sacrifice (Lenten Boxes) \$45.23

Easter \$630.00

**TOTAL \$4,859.52**

## **PARISH EXPENSES**

County Taxes 2020 \$1,104.62

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

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## **CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020**

*As of April 22, 2020*

*Goal: \$21,446.00*

*Pledged Amount: \$9,308.00*

*Paid Amount: \$5,723.00*

Thank you! We need your help to reach our Goal! We can't do it without you! All funds above and beyond the \$21,446.00 remain right here in our parish. You still have time to make your pledge. You may use the 2020 CSA envelope that was included in your monthly packet and simply mail it in to the rectory office, 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503.

A heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of you, to our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, and our families for their deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and for your continued love, support and generosity.

*Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!  
Remember your parish in your will.*

### **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 & 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.*

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Msgr. Gerald Koos, Fr. Daniel Prez, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Glen Kuzma, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Dianne Connors, Michael Burenko, Charlotte Prez, Pat & Gene Maciak, John Maciak, Anne Goodrich, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkiewicz, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Raymond Wasielewski, Mike Lucas, 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 Gingebach, Marlene Lucas, Mary Lou Wieczorek, Robert Jaskiewicz, 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, Lottie Carter, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wieczorek, Dolores Campbell, Paul Martin, Sr., Dolores Osiecki, Betty Miller, William Brennan, Sr. Rose Rovnak, OSF, Sr. Margaret Rovnak, OSF, Dorothy Wright, Jerry Hoydic, Grace Guelcher, Ann Winschel, Marianne Nicholl, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzarese, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Jim Heubel, Eugeniusz Szczepura, 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, John Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, 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.*