

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



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OUR MOTHER OF SORROW PARISH STAFF:

PASTOR: Father James T. O'Hara

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ASSISTING: Msgr. Gerald Koos (Retired); Msgr. Robert Smith (Retired); Father Jerry Priscaro (St. Ann), Father Joseph Gregorek (Retired).

Happy Mother's Day



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



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



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 prayers 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 united 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 Sorrow's 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.

The rectory office is located at
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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 Draszkievicz, 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 Gingenbach, 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 Mazzaresse, 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 McMahan, 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.