

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND MOTHER'S DAY

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 12th: Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Private: Holy Souls by Stephen Waterford

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Agnes Priscaro by Joseph Ricci

Monday, May 13th: Our Lady of Fatima

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Jim and Pat Heubel by Family

Tuesday, May 14th: Saint Matthias

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David Majewski by Mary Tirak

Wednesday, May 15th: Saint Isidore

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Peter, Antoinette, and Steve Mancuso by
Dee Olson

Thursday, May 16, 2024: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Rev. Joe Gregorek, Anniversary May 14th
by Mark and Diane Olszewski

Friday, May 17th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Anthony Stanley Pieczywek, Anniversary
May 14th by Mark and Diane Olszewski

Saturday, May 18th: Saint John I

Private: Souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for
them by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, May 19th: Pentecost Sunday

International Needs Special Second Collection

Private: Holy Souls by Stephen Waterford

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Bernard Olszewski, Birthday by son Mark
and Diane Olszewski

Monday, May 20th: The Blessed Virgin Mary,

Mother of the Church

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Sister Elizabeth Ruza, SSJ by Meg Merritt
Britton

Tuesday, May 21st: Saint Christopher Magallanes

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Kevin Allen, Anniversary by Loving
Mother, Caroline Larson

Wednesday, May 22nd: Saint Rita of Cascia

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Rose Marie Skrypek, Birthday May 21st
by husband Bob Skrypek

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
- 2) Rev. James T. O'Hara, Birthday by Parishioners
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred
Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

- 1) Bob Jurino by wife and son
- 2) All Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mail in Offertory 5-5-2024

Sunday Offertory: \$1,515.00

Mother's Day: \$138.00

International Needs: \$55.00

Ascension: \$55.00

Food Pantry: \$110.00

Poor Box: \$20.00

Candles: \$135.50

Saint Ann's Building Fund: \$90.00

Income and Expense ~ April 2024

Income: \$14,433.56

Expense: \$15,581.46

Difference: **-\$1,147.90**

\$1,278.72 Property Tax to the City of Erie was paid in April

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2024 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$5,775.00 Paid: \$5,210.00

We are \$29,390.00 away from our goal.

We are counting on you to help us reach our goal.

Thank you to everyone who has pledged
to the 2024 CSA.

Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

Next Sunday, May 19th, the Diocesan Special
Second Collection for International Needs will be
collected at Mass. Thank you in advance for your
generous donations.

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 Knights of Columbus in Erie and Crawford Counties are conducting their **3rd annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser**. Your charitable donations thus far have enabled the Knights to purchase five state of the art Ultrasound Machines and a Mobile Ultrasound Clinic for the Women's Care Center of Erie. Baby bottles will be distributed at the Church entrances today. Please take one home and fill it with spare change, cash, or checks. Envelopes will also be available as an option to the Baby Bottles. The bottles and envelopes should be returned the weekend of June 22-23.

International Needs Collection. Next week we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. It is a combination of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, and Catholic Relief Service. Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

Father Jerry Priscaro was recently bestowed with the prestigious **Blessed Michael J. McGivney Award for the Pennsylvania State Chaplain of the Year**. The award ceremony occurred during the Knights of Columbus Pennsylvania State Convention held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in the Philadelphia suburb of King of Prussia from April 26 to 28. Father Jerry, known for his unwavering commitment to his faith and community service, has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus for over a decade. His involvement with the organization dates to his early years as an ordained priest, where he served in various parishes across Mercer County before settling in Erie. This is the first time the Diocese of Erie has had a nominee and a selectee for the award in thirty years. **Congratulations Fr. Jerry – well deserved!**

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and to all women who are like a mother to us. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love.

St. Paul Parish, Erie, to host St. Anthony Novena. All are invited to participate in the 2024 St. Anthony Novena, June 5- 13 at St. Paul Church, W. 16th and Walnut streets, Erie. Father Leo Gallina will be the celebrant, leading prayers to the saint who was a gifted teacher and preacher, and is known as the patron saint of lost souls and lost articles.

Be cautious about sharing personal information. A scam is being perpetrated across the country by malicious individuals preying on churches and members of the clergy. The scam plays on your sympathies or natural inclination to be helpful. Any communication asking you to purchase gift cards should be considered a scam. Always verify such requests by calling the parish directly. Don't use phone numbers in the fraudulent email. Always look for the parish's official phone number found on the diocesan website or in the parish's Sunday bulletin. In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for money or personal information — including a request for gift cards of any type — exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Financial fraud like the gift card scam can be reported to the Federal Trade Commission here: <https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov>. To learn more, read this article: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/avoiding-and-reporting-gift-card-scams> from the FTC.

All Saints Parish, 11264 Rt. 97 N, Waterford, hosts a bingo fundraiser each month. All are invited to the next events on May 18, June 15 and July 20. Doors open at 5:30 pm; games begin at 6:15 pm.

Prayer makes us Strong! ... In our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we have the account of Matthias as the choice to replace Judas. While the approach they took for choosing Matthias may seem unusual, it was common practice at that time to "cast lots" to make important decisions. But what we can't overlook in this story is that the Apostles **prayed** together before making this most important decision. In today's Gospel reading we are given that beautiful prayer of Jesus and we see right into his heart. The lesson for us is that when we are faced with 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 turn to Jesus in prayer.

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 and there would be times when they would be tempted to run. He didn't pray that they be released from these problems but only that they would be strong. Terry Anderson, who in 1985 was held hostage in Beirut for seven years, and recently died, serves as a good example of this strength. In his book "Den of Lions: Memoirs of Seven Years" he reveals that he was not actively practicing his Catholic faith but became strong because of prayer. About a month after his captivity, he and others were given Bibles and with nothing else to do so he read it and reread it. He was especially drawn to the Apostle Paul who struggled with his weakness, imprisonment, and pride just as Terry did. Through Paul's struggles Terry was able to express his love for God. His only prayer was to ask for patience and strength to endure whatever came. The exact prayer that we just heard Jesus pray! Terry's trial went on for seven years. He did not escape it. But he was made strong through prayer. Jesus had prayed for him. Just like Terry and the Apostles we are faced with life's challenges and struggles that we cannot escape. Where do we need courage and strength? Is there someone we know who is in need of strength? Jesus is the perfect person to turn to because he shared in our suffering, and he prays for us. Let us go to Jesus in prayer and listen to this beautiful prayer of his to get the courage and strength we need. Then we will "come to know and to believe in the love God has for us."