

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AND FATHER'S DAY

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 16th: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

Private: Stanley Bernatowicz by Mark and Diane
Olszewski

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Leonard Mankosky, Birthday June 14th by
Scott, Paula and Danica Hilinski

Monday, June 17th: Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Phonesia Machado-Fore by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Emmaus Convocation Week

Communion Services on June 18-19-20

Tuesday, June 18th: Weekday

11:15am (SA) NO Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Communion Service

Wednesday, June 19th: Saint Romuald

11:15am (SA) NO Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Communion Service

Thursday, June 20th: Weekday

11:15am (SA) NO Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Communion Service

Friday, June 21st: St. Aloysius Gonzaga

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Jeanne Burke DeForce by Donna and Lee
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Saturday, June 22nd: St. Paulinus of Nola

Private: Officer Justin Hare by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, June 23rd: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Mary Zamierowski Coccareli by Mark and Diane
Olszewski

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by
Kulig Estate

Monday, June 24th: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Jeanne Burke DeForce by her Mother and
Family

Tuesday, June 25th: Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David K. Wienczkowski by Paul & Irene Nass

Wednesday, June 26th: Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

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

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Special Intentions of Al Klugiewicz, 108th Birthday
by Parishioners

2) All of our Sick and Shut-ins

Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred
Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) Special Intentions of all attending the Emmaus
Convocation

2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

1) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mail in Offertory June 9, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$1,202.00

Loose: \$115.00

Monthly: \$102.00

Father's Day: \$161.00

Peter's Pence/Holy Father: \$45.00

Food Pantry: \$45.00

Mother's Day: \$11.00

St. Ann's Novena Oils: \$15.00

Candles: \$73.00

Poor Boxes: \$36.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2024 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$5,965.00

Paid: \$5,790.00

We are \$29,200.00 away from our goal.

Can you help us reach our goal?

Thank you to everyone who has already

pledged to the 2024 CSA.

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

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

The annual Emmaus Convocation is upon us
Our Mother of Sorrow's Parish/Saint Ann's
Church will have Communion Services at
12:05PM on June 18,19, and 20, 2024. No
Confessions or Masses on these three days.

Please keep all of our diocesan priests, deacons and
all who attend Emmaus in your prayers.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

A **Happy Father's Day** to all fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, godfathers, spiritual fathers, and anyone serving in a father role. Through the intercession of St. Joseph may you always be fulfilled and inspired in all you do.

Prayer for Fathers... Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary to the Care of St. Joseph an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them as we look to You for love and salvation through Jesus Christ our rock and defender, in union with the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. St. Joseph pray for all our Fathers. Amen

This week our **priests and deacons** from the diocese will be at the annual **Emmaus** convocation for clergy at St. Vincent College and Seminary in Latrobe, PA. It is a time for prayer, continuing education, and fellowship. Please pray for them. There will be no weekday masses at St. Ann on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, however a communion service will be held there each day at the normal mass time.

Emmaus Prayer for Priests and Deacons... Lord Jesus, hear our prayer for the spiritual renewal of our priests and deacons. We praise you for giving their ministry to the Church. In these days renew them with the gifts of your Spirit. You once opened the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Now renew your ordained ministers with truth and power of your Word. Nourish them with your own Body and Blood. Help them to imitate in their lives the death and resurrection they celebrate at the altar. Give our priests and deacons enthusiasm for the Gospel, zeal for the salvation of mankind, courage in leadership, humility in service, fraternity with one another and with all their brothers and sisters in you. For you love them, Lord Jesus and we love and pray for them in your name. Amen

A very special **Happy Birthday to Al Klugiewicz** who recently celebrated **number 108!** Al is a true hero having served his country, family, community, and God throughout his life. We are so proud of you Al and want you to know we all love you. May God continue to bless you.

The bottles and envelopes for the **Knights of Columbus 3rd annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser are to be returned Sunday, June 23.** Thank you for supporting this Fundraiser to purchase five state of the art Ultrasound Machines and a Mobile Ultrasound Clinic for the Women's Care Center of Erie.

Knights of Columbus to hold 10K, 5K race and 5K walk... Knights of Columbus JMJ Council 4071 is sponsoring its annual Liberty 10K and 5K run, and 5K walk on Thursday, July 4. The event will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. Registration begins at 6:45 am. The event begins promptly at 8 am. The fee is \$35. For more information and registration, go to www.runsignup.com/Race/PA/Harborcreek/Liberty10k or call Greg at 814.450.4298. The event will benefit St. Paul's Soup Kitchen and will be a great way for all members of the family to celebrate the holiday.

Catholic Charities Bingo: All bingo enthusiasts are invited to participate in the annual Catholic Charities Bingo on Friday, June 21. Win fabulous prizes including designer purses, top-of-the-line electronics and cold hard cash. It's time to dab those numbers and bring home the ultimate jackpot! Don't miss out on this thrilling opportunity to win big and have a blast all while helping a great cause. Join in on a night of fun, luck and unforgettable prizes. Purchase tickets at: <https://bit.ly/ccbingo2024>. Contact Tina with any questions at 814.824.1260 or tespin@ccincerie.org.

Storytelling

In today's Gospel we heard that Jesus continues to explain everything in private to his disciples. But for us he takes a different approach – Jesus teaches us in a way that we are able to understand it - he uses stories and creative imagery so that we are able to see how present and active God is in our daily lives.

In the growing parable that we just heard Jesus reveals two essential truths about living as one of his followers. First our growth is dependent on God. The power of growth in the “seeds” does not come from the farmer, it comes from the creator. So it goes with us – as our knowledge increases and we become more advanced technologically it is easy to arrive at the false sense that we are in charge of everything. But that is not the case, just as the farmer cannot make a rock grow into a tomato plant we cannot grow without the transformative grace of God that grows in us without our full comprehension or control of our mind.

Second, growth in holiness (life in communion with God) is a gradual process. Unlike the overnight success stories we hear about our ability to achieve wisdom, joy and virtue comes through a patient and consistent effort to cooperate with God – to be in this for the long haul. But we live in a culture that is built on the shaky foundation of instant gratification and that is why discouragement is one of the devil's “go-to” tools – if our prayer life doesn't produce spiritual fireworks right away, if our challenges are not gone overnight, we tend to become disillusioned and back off in our efforts. Our ability to be a full grown healthy plant that nourishes those around us relies on patience and an unshakable confidence in God.

We can even add a third truth: spiritual growth takes time. Imagine a farmer or gardener standing out in the field and yelling down at some recently planted seeds: “Grow faster you plants. Grow faster!” Or the same farmer or gardener constantly pulling the plants out of the ground once they are growing to check their roots? Sounds ridiculous but isn't that what we do when we scream at our spiritual seeds to speed up their growth?

With these parables what Jesus is really trying to teach us is for us to learn and recognize his voice speaking in our hearts and minds., He wants us to always live in his presence, for us to become the largest of plants and put forth large branches, to make our lives into what God created them to be. May we always cultivate the grace that God has planted in our souls.