

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. John B. Jacquel, Pastor

February 7, 2021 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St. John the Baptist Church

Located at 509 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16504

### Holy Rosary Church

Located at E. 28th & East Avenue, Erie, PA 16504

#### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

##### SATURDAY EVENING MASS 4:00 PM

St. John the Baptist (April to September)

Holy Rosary (October to March)

##### SUNDAY MORNING MASS

8:00 AM at St. John the Baptist

10:30 AM at Holy Rosary

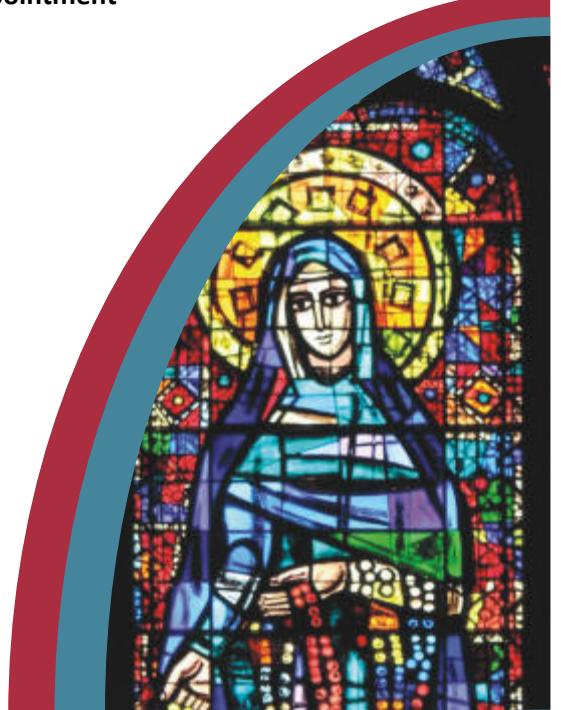
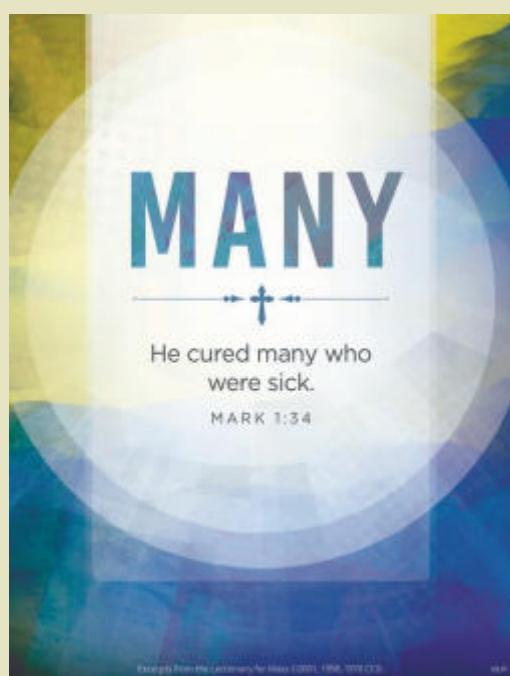
*Reminder: Call the church office to reserve a seat*

#### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Mon & Thurs at Holy Rosary

8:00 AM Wed & Fri at St. John the Baptist

CONFessions: 2:30-3:30 PM Saturday at Holy Rosary  
or by appointment




**FROM THE PASTOR**

Did you know that you have been helping (by your gifts) to organize our partnership / outreach to parishes in the Archdiocese of Yucatán? Or that some of your money aids people who have just come to our country seeking a home away from violence and poverty? Did you know that you are helping people who have been devastated by the experience of abortion? Or that you provide assistance to train seminarians for the priesthood and candidates for the diaconate? You make possible avenues for adoption, and several means to help heal the wounds of divorce.

"How am I doing this?" you might ask. By your participation in the **Catholic Services Appeal** – your contributions benefit the Missions Office and Sister Parish program, Immigration and Refugees through Catholic Charities, Counseling and Adoption Services, Seminary and Deacon Formation programs – these and many others are beneficiaries of our generosity. When we pool together a fraction of the financial resources of our 96 parishes in 13 counties – we can make positive great things happen that none of our parishes could do alone!

Please look at the brochure we've placed in the pews. Or find that FAITH magazine that just came in the mail the week before last. These can give you many more examples of what our combined generosity can accomplish. And watch the video: [www.eriercd.org/csa.html](http://www.eriercd.org/csa.html)

Take the Catholic Foundation's initiative to help parishes provide on-line giving opportunities, or Catholic Charities' emergency funding – both are helping us weather the pandemic and its effects.

Think of what you would like to give each month to help make those things happen and then multiply that number by 10 to determine your 2021 pledge. You can get e-mail or regular mail reminders throughout the year – to spread out those payments and make it quite easy and affordable. If you aren't in church next weekend, we'll be sending you a letter and pledge envelope – or call the office (Mon-Thurs 8-4) for help. Join me (I pledge and contribute, too) in making this year's CSA the best!

**Fr. John**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual 22:32 Men's Conference revamped**

The eighth annual 22:32 Men's Conference will be held **Saturday, February 27** at separate parishes in the Diocese of Erie. Men will gather at their own parishes in small groups. The half-day event still features acclaimed Catholic speakers and witness stories via Zoom from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, contact Dave Wayman at [taichiguy@icloud.com](mailto:taichiguy@icloud.com) or 814-397-2809.

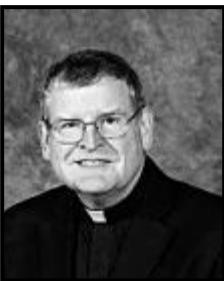
### **Beware of scammers**

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 such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

### **A Time of Reflection**

I've been asked to name my favorite Scripture and why. How much time do you have? But if I narrow down the topic, I'd have to say that what currently fascinates me are the psalms of lament; especially in the past 10 months. Readers of my regular column might recall I said something about this last May.

You do know that about a third of the 150 psalms in the Old Testament have "complaint" embedded in them, right? "I have a bone to pick with you, God," is the sentiment found here. Psalm 10: "Lord, why do you stand afar off / and hide yourself in times of distress?" Psalm 39: "I was silent, not opening my lips, because this was all your doing."



Psalm 55: "If this had been done by an enemy / I could bear his taunts. If a rival had risen against me, I could hide from him. But it is you, my own companion, my intimate friend! How close was the friendship between us. We walked together in harmony in the house of God." For more, go to Psalms 13, 22, 42, 77, and so many others. Save Psalm 88 (the most despondent and hopeless sounding) for when you are really feeling low – exhausted and at wit's end.

You're already familiar with the feel-good Psalms 23, 27, 98, 100, 139, and 150. It's high time you get to know these others.

When I feel like questioning God, I can go right ahead. Let's not kid ourselves: we do feel that way many times! If we say, "I can't do that," remember that God knows our hearts better than we do. Just be honest and forthright – you want a real friendship with the Lord, don't you? And friends have differences at times – prickly moments – they need to open again the lines of communication to get through it. It's all part of being authentic. Remember, there's nothing you can do to make God love you more and there's nothing you can do to make God love you less. You are already and always cherished by your Heavenly Father.

The Psalms are inspired prayers to God (actually, they are hymns) – they've been given to us by God – so, it is healthy to argue with the Almighty (since so many psalms do just that). There's a wonderful little 65-page booklet by Patricia Gits Opatz is entitled, "Nobody Says 'Please' in the Psalms" (1984). Who are we to avoid using these divine gifts?

Lament is an essential part of our life – and our life and relationship with God. It's a sign of health.

**Fr John**

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments -**  
**February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month:** Over one quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year say they'd been the victim of **digital dating abuse** according to *Psychology Today*. Digital dating abuse is physical, sexual, or psychological/emotional violence that occurs between romantic partners through the use of texting, social media, and related online mediums. 81% of youth who had been the target of digital dating abuse had also been the target of off-line dating abuse. What to do? Ask kids what they are doing online and then really **listen** to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent. Great parenting and online dating tips can be found in at [www.cyberwise.org](http://www.cyberwise.org). To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit [www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Monday, February 8**

8:00 am HR Gordon &amp; Eileen Gaither (Daughter-Cindy)

**Wednesday, February 10**

8:00 am SJB Melvyn Rote (Bernie &amp; Sandy Lucas)

**Thursday, February 11**

8:00 am HR Richard Sins (Dee Byrne)

**Friday, February 12**

8:00 am SJB Harry Mikolajewski (Jeanette Borowy)

**Saturday, February 13**

4:00 pm HR Christine Claire Kalkhof (Tom Kalkhof)

**Sunday, February 14**

8:00 am SJB Wanda Kowalczyk (Karen Lesnicki)

10:30 am HR For all Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners

**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week in memory of Eileen Comstock (Sue Zill).**Readings Next Weekend****6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

**A Family Perspective**

In today's gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that Simon's mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are often confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon and tell Jesus about it "immediately".

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

The next Zoom meeting of the Pastoral Council is **Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Livestream Mass Schedule**

Go to YouTube and search for St. John the Baptist Holy Rosary Erie PA. All Masses at Holy Rosary are *livestreamed*.

**Lector Schedule**

February 13	4:00 p.m.	Erin Eastman
February 14	8:00 a.m.	Lori Follett
February 14	10:30 a.m.	Richard Marshall
February 17	8:00 a.m.	Denny Deiner
February 17	7:00 p.m.	Rob Kocur

**To request prayer or to join the people praying**

HR: Jean Zimmer at 814-746-9396 or Bob Zimmer at robertzimmer379@gmail.com

SJB: Allene Kraus at 825-3501 or Lois Reiser at 459-3373

**Best Lent Ever**

Dynamic Catholic has shipped us journals to participate in their Best Lent Ever program – FREE! You can pick one up at the church entrances. A flier is inside with information on the program and where to go on their website to sign up. There are a limited number of journals available. Get yours before they run out!

**Lent begins February 17****ASH WEDNESDAY****8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John****7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Rosary**

BOTH MASSES LIVESTREAMED. DUE TO COVID-19,  
"ASHES TO GO" WAS CANCELLED.

**FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL****The Bible in a Year**

If you have thought about reading the Bible with one of those one-year plans, Ascension Press is offering a free plan with a daily podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz. Having a podcast to help and encourage you may be what you need. To get started, contact Mary Hickin at 920-7525. Go to: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>.

**Lent Groups**

Groups are forming to read and discuss the Sunday readings during Lent. Sign-up sheets for the groups are at the entrances to the church and on the St. John/Holy Rosary website. Groups will be held via Zoom, with a limited number of in-person spots available on Tuesday evenings. If you have questions, please call Mary Hickin at 392-6126.

**The Chosen Series**

Join a small group discussion for the critically acclaimed video series *The Chosen*. This is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, *The Chosen* allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him. No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you. We'll watch a video together and then have discussion. You will also be given links to watch the video on your own, and then join the group for discussion. The group will meet weekly through March 22. Call Mary Hickin at 392-6126 for more information.

**St. John /Holy Rosary 31 Club**

Praying for vocations every day of the year!

Each member chooses one day of the month and then goes to Mass on that day and offers if for an increase of vocations for the Church. There is a great need for more vocations!

If you would like to become a member of the St. John/Holy Rosary 31 Club, or have questions, please call Joanne Deiner at 814-899-1968.

**Upcoming Mass commitments:**

Feb 8 Jim & Vinni Bartone, Julio Berarducci

Feb 9 Jean Zimmer

Feb 10 Mary Ellen Lieb

Feb 11

Feb 12

Feb 13

Feb 14 Jane Wagner

**When at Mass offer the Mass for Vocations by saying this prayer:**

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner \*but rather that he be converted and live\* grant we beseech you\* through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin\* Saint Joseph, her spouse\* St. Junipero Serra\* and all the saints\* an increase of laborers for your Church\* fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls\* through the same Jesus Christ\* Your Son\* Who lives and reigns with You\* In the unity of the Holy Spirit\* God forever\* and ever. Amen.

***Serra Prayer for Vocations***

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