

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. John B. Jacquel, Pastor

February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John the Baptist Church

Located at 509 E. 26th 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

PARTNERED PARISH OFFICE

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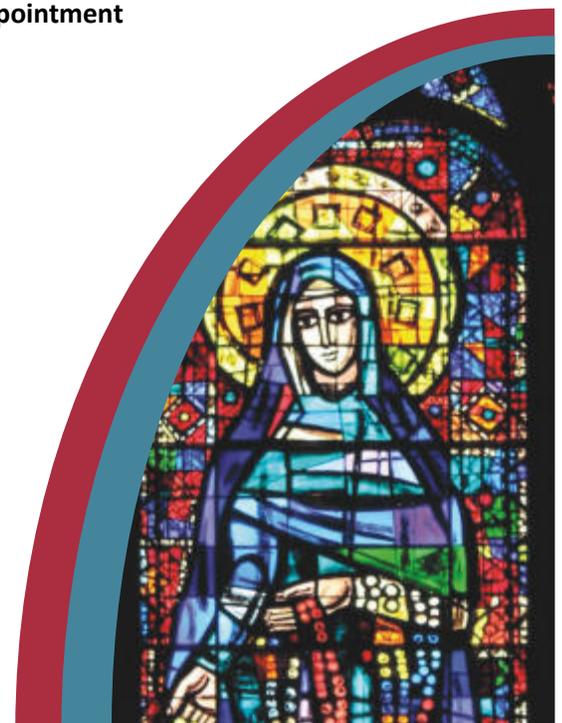
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FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:

St. Luke FF Director: Sister Carmen Maldonado, SSC
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PARTNERED PARISH WEBSITE: stjohn-holyrosary-erie.org/

PLEASE CHECK THE "ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST / HOLY ROSARY ERIE PA"
YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED LIVESTREAM MASS.
www.youtube.com/channel/UCut5zg6K8S33pN5roPo3cgg





FROM THE PASTOR

So, we start Lent on Wednesday this year – without Ashes to Go – due to pandemic. We sure don't want to distribute the coronavirus along with ashes. And, speaking of ashes, these will be sprinkled this year (as is the European custom), rather than imposed on our foreheads – for similar reasons. That will happen at 8 am Mass (St John's), 7 pm Mass (Holy Rosary), and at the 12 noon prayer service at Holy Rosary.

You have the Lenten calendar in the bulletin this weekend (and posted on our web site) but let me highlight a few things.

The following Wednesday, Feb 24th, we'll have Way of the Cross at 6:30 pm at St John's (most Wednesdays) as well as The Light is On for You – special time for Sacrament of Reconciliation – which will be at Holy Rosary from 5-7 pm. Use the side door and wait your turn to come into the chapel.

There are numerous groups meeting (mostly through ZOOM), such as the "Chosen" movie group (watch a part, then take part in a discussion to unpack it more), Mustard Seeds (reflect upon the Sunday Scriptures), and two presentations by Deacon Matthew Ochalek (Intro to Meditation & Beatitudes) and one by me (a reflection on Guatemala and El Salvador). My presentation was delayed from last year when we had to shut everything down, and I'll have photos and commentary from January 2020.

We will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Rosary on Thursday, March 11, 7 pm. We were "on track" to join at St Luke's, but due to space restrictions with the pandemic, we would only have two guests / candidate – so we are opting to celebrate it here (Bishop will grant me permission to administer the sacrament, as he did last year).

We did order palms for March 28th, but they will be available AFTER MASS instead of during – since we're prohibited from processions. The Chrism Mass, alas, will be livestreamed the day after, and the Triduum Liturgies – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil – will be at Holy Rosary this year (having been cancelled for in-person attendance last year). Easter will have Sunday Masses as usual.

We also want to offer two evenings of Way of Light (Via Lucis). These are fourteen stations which celebrate Jesus' resurrection (we remember his passion in the Via Crucis – Way of the Cross). We will sponsor these after Easter. We wanted to do it last year, but again were prevented.

Here's trusting that our Lent (our Springtime) will be a beautiful way to enjoy more blessings from our Lord!

Fr. John

LENTEN FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Not sure what to do for Lent? The Diocese of Erie has some ideas you can do on your own or with your family. Go to the website for some great ideas to honor and celebrate the Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving pillars of Lent. <https://www.eriecd.org/lent.html>

Lent begins February 17

ASH WEDNESDAY



8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John

12:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes at Holy Rosary

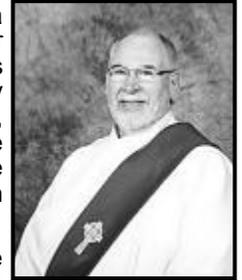
7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Rosary

BOTH MASSES LIVESTREAMED. NO "ASHES TO GO."

A Time of Reflection

Our Bible is full of so many beautiful scripture verses that provide us with a sense of calmness or comfort depending on our need at a particular moment but for me, the verse for everyday living is from the prophet Micah.

The prophet Micah was a contemporary of Isaiah. He lived in a small village named Moresheth, not far from the city of Gath, which was destroyed by the Assyrians when they invaded Judah. Living in this village, Micah came into daily contact with the people who suffered most from the system of land tenure against which Isaiah protested.



Deacon Denis Coan—St. John the Baptist.

When Micah began his ministry, the northern kingdom still existed, and Micah's earliest messages were addressed to the people of Israel, as well as to those living in Judah. Micah lived among the poor people and sympathized with them because of their hard lot. In many respects, his work was similar to that of the prophet Amos, especially regarding what he said about social and economic conditions.

The message of the Book of Micah is a complex mixture of judgment and hope. On the one hand, the prophecies announce judgment upon Israel for social evils, corrupt leadership and idolatry. This judgment was expected to culminate in the destruction of Samaria and Jerusalem. On the other hand, the book proclaims not merely the restoration of the nation, but the transformation and exaltation of Israel and Jerusalem.

Micah 6:8: "... And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." The writer of these words understands that God desires moral qualities on the part of his believers rather than sacrifices and burnt offerings.

For me to 'act justly' is to live with a sense of right and wrong and to take responsibility for my actions. What it is not, is to use my words to support a platform that is not in line with our Church teachings or to use my words to put down someone who disagrees with me.

To 'love mercy' for me is to have compassion and forgiveness towards someone instead of retaliation towards them. For me this is the hard part of living out this verse; so often my pride gets in the way of my mercy and at that moment it is hard for me to love them. Once I have had the time to stew and work things through in my head, I am reminded of the following verse from 1 Corinthians 13:4-5: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ..." and I can finally let it go and 'walk humbly with God'.

Deacon Denis Coan

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Holy Rosary will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Wednesday, February 24 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** "The Light is on for You," is an opportunity for people who have been away from the church to return and experience Jesus' love and forgiveness. The doors will be open for all who wish to go to confession. **All are welcome.**





MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 15

8:00 am HR Margaret Verdecchia (Children)

Ash Wednesday - February 17

8:00 am SJB Janet Reiser (Tom Machinski Family)

7:00 pm HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, February 18

8:00 am HR Christine Wardzinski (Fred & Evelyn Fried)

Friday, February 19

8:00 am SJB Victoria Corapi (Margaret Balter)

Saturday, February 20

4:00 pm HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am SJB Linda Palombi (Carol Petrungar)

10:30 am HR Thomas Musarra (Family)

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Ken Kendziora (Sonny & Greta Cronauer).

Readings Next Weekend

First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gn 9:8-15

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15



A Family Perspective

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when he said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.

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 17	8:00 a.m.	Denny Deiner
February 17	7:00 p.m.	Rob Kocur
February 20	4:00 p.m.	Denny Deiner
February 21	8:00 a.m.	Rachel Allburn
February 21	10:30 a.m.	Kay Kitch

In Remembrance

Our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Jeanne (Chianello) Rogers and Julia (Rouse) Howell.

May they rest in peace.



Congratulations to James and Danielle Snyder on the Baptism of their son Mason James on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Holy Rosary. We welcome Mason James Snyder into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL

At St. Luke/Director: Sr. Carmen Maldonado 825-6920 Ext 237

ADULT FAITH FORMATION /Director: Mary Hickin 920-7525

(Masks/social distancing required)

March 7 - 10:00 a.m. - FF Parents/Students in the church/ Student Materials –Unit IV

The Bible in a Year

It's not too late to start! 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 to accompany it. Having a podcast to help and encourage you may be what you need. If **YOU** want a copy of the reading plan, just call Mary Hickin at 920-7525 and she will get a copy to you. 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.

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!

Soup & Soul

Join us for a virtual Soup & Soul this year. Deacon Matt Ochalek is starting off with **An Introduction to Christian Meditation on Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m.** Use this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89355081797?pwd=YXFtV20xTUxvZkp6SDBubVVOTs2Zz09> or find it on the St. John/Holy Rosary website. Here's the passcode: 096018. Heat your soup up and enjoy the wonderful talk by Deacon Matt!

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 it 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 15	Joan Fye
Feb 16	
Feb 17	
Feb 18	Julie Sins
Feb 19	Mary & Lee Simmons
Feb 20	Pat Bielinski
Feb 21	

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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