

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

*Rev. John B. Jacquel, Pastor*

February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

### 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

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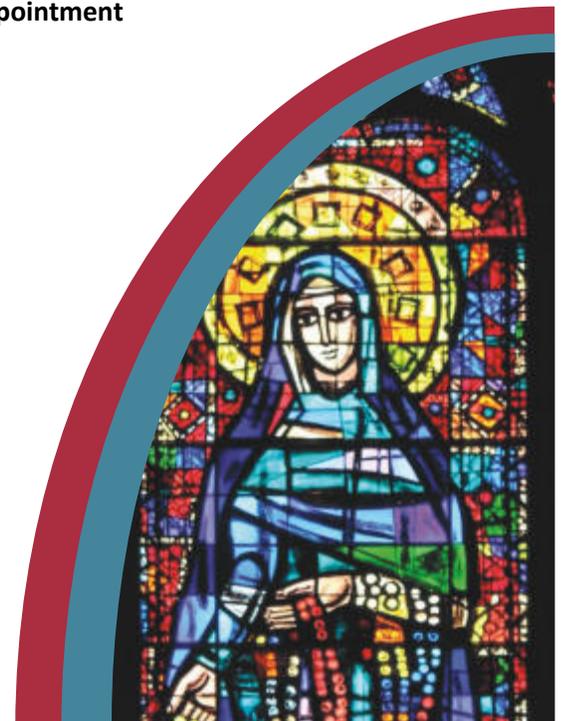
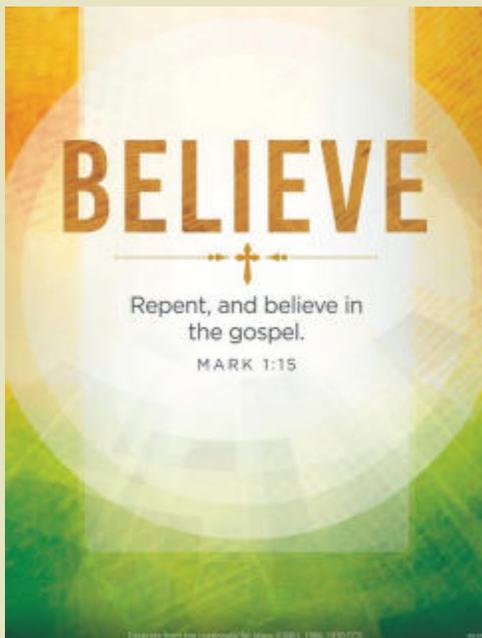
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YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED LIVESTREAM MASS.  
[www.youtube.com/channel/UCut5zg6K8S33pN5roPo3cgg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCut5zg6K8S33pN5roPo3cgg)





## FROM THE PASTOR

The First Sunday of Lent! This is a time to really step back and re-evaluate – and some reading can help facilitate that. Sometimes when I'm reading, I think about what I'm doing and how I might want to do things differently. Here are some recent books that have helped me:

Franciscan Sister Iliia Delio has written some heavy-duty, high caliber theology books (*Crucified Love* is one with which I've previously wrestled). But her memoir, ***Birth of a Dancing Star: My Journey from Cradle Catholic to Cyborg Christian*** (2019) was one for which I was unprepared! It the story of her vocation and how it has radically changed over her (so far) amazing and unpredictable career. She has had numerous and painful conversion experiences (thus giving birth to new insights and freedoms) from her science studies (and doctorate) to theology studies (and doctorate) to her new and very unexpected position (professorship and author). Hang on tight! Her words here are very personal, refreshing, and challenging as she integrates her backgrounds in traditional Church and Franciscan theology with modern science and technology and cultural revolutions.

A good collection of short articles (thus, perfect for Lenten reading-a-day) is ***The Way of Suffering*** (2020) from Orbis Books. With sections – No Easy Answers, Out of Darkness Light, and From Light Love – this book is sure to touch your heart, as we all deal with various disappointments, sorrows, pains, and deaths. These musings by Henri Nouwen, James Martin, Thich Nhat Hahn, Marianne Williamson, and even Stephen Colbert help us all realize we are not alone in our experiences.

The Eucharist and Social Justice (2009) is an amazingly compact treatment of how these essentially connect. Sr Margaret Scott is a member of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She is a theology professor, served as leader in her own community, and missionary to many continents. She shows how the celebration (and texts) of the Eucharist mandate service to those who suffer, especially injustice. She helps makes our repeated worship experience come alive in so many ways. I hope Lent is such an occasion for you!

**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>

### **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!

### **Second Collection during Lent**

Second Collection each Sunday in Lent - benefits both Rice Bowl (international hunger needs through Catholic Relief Services AND St Martin Center - local outreach on Parade Street).

### **A Time of Reflection**

*It is said, the only thing constant in the world is change itself! ...and change it has. The world today is not the world I was born into. My parents had me baptized as an infant. Unbeknown, the gift and grace of my baptism would be the beginning of my spiritual journey. Throughout the peaks and valleys of life I learned to pray and know of God's love and forgiveness. As I matured I became aware of the spiritual growth that has taken place in me. However, I have become complacent in my prayer life and relationship with God.*



*Marilyn Mead —  
member of Holy  
Rosary*

*I find myself more tired these days while the natural process of aging is taking place within me. At times, I experience feelings of anxiety, loneliness and sadness. Not long ago on two consecutive Sunday's during the Liturgy of the Word, God spoke to me, "Neglect." It got my attention, but the second time it was a call to action. I have since been reflecting on "Neglect" and questioning myself.*

*Yes, I have been neglectful of my needs in a number of ways, including my spiritual life.*

*Our HR/SJB staff meetings always begin with a prayer, usually a Psalm prayed by Fr. John. At our January staff meeting, the upcoming season of Lent came to the table for discussion. Marsha, our administrative assistant, shared her plans to seek articles submitted by several members of our partnered faith community. At which time Fr. John spoke up and said, "Marilyn is capable and can write an article."*

*Oh, my heart sank! Fr. John knew of my torment of neglect as I had recently shared it with him. How could he with any confidence bring up my ability to submit an article when I am so neglectful in my relationship with God. I wasn't feeling as though I had much to offer in a positive way.*

*I really began to pray for some clarity. Then I thought, maybe I could tell Fr. John I can't write anything at this time. I wasn't at a point where I was feeling less neglectful, although I wasn't really doing much about it either. I believe Fr. John was prompted by the Spirit to call me to some accountability with encouragement. I exhaled!*

*I prayed! Through the goodness of God's grace, I was led to Psalms 86. This is my prayer for today and going forward, as I continue and desire to deepen my lifelong relationship with God. I am a child of God at 72 years of age, Far from the prime of my life. I trust in God's love and mercy. My hope is when it is my time to be called to eternal rest; I will see the face of God in heaven!*

**Psalm 86: 2** *Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;  
Save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;*

### **Psalm 86**

A Prayer of David.

- 1 Hear me, Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.
- 2 Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.  
You are my God;

*(Cont'd on page 3)*



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, February 22**

8:00 am HR Dolores Mosakowski  
(Dr. Richard Brozewski & Staff)

**Wednesday February 24**

8:00 am SJB Anne Kashmer (Stella Mikolajewski & Family)

**Thursday, February 25**

8:00 am HR Rose Marie Palombi (Thomas & Rosalie Sustek)

**Friday, February 26**

8:00 am SJB Lisa Rozenek (Bill Rozenek)

**Saturday, February 27**

4:00 pm HR Mary Fran Kalkhof (Tom Kalkhof)

**Sunday, February 28**

8:00 am SJB For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

10:30 am HR Jeffery A. Brown  
(Donna & David Mann & Family)

**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week in memory of Loretta Lipinski (Sister-Joan Pruzenski).

**The Bread and White** are donated today in memory of Audrey Grandalski (Tony & Cindy).

**Readings Next Weekend  
Second Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18  
2nd Reading: Rom 8:31b-34  
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10



**A Family Perspective**

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

**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 27	4:00 p.m.	Lisa DiLuzio
February 28	8:00 a.m.	Bill Dopierala
February 28	10:30 a.m.	Cathy Lojewski

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

Praying for vocations every day of the year!

Each member choses 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 22	Carl & Mary Poniatowski
Feb 23	Joan Cerrona
Feb 27	Mary Tighe

- 3 have mercy on me, Lord,  
for I call to you all day long.
- 4 Bring joy to your servant, Lord,  
for I put my trust in you.
- 5 You, Lord, are forgiving and good,  
abounding in love to all who call to you.
- 6 Hear my prayer, Lord;  
listen to my cry for mercy.
- 7 When I am in distress, I call to you,  
because you answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made  
will come and worship before you, Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.
- 10 For you are great and do marvelous deeds;  
you alone are God.
- 11 Teach me your way, Lord,  
that I may rely on your faithfulness;  
give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name.
- 12 I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;  
I will glorify your name forever.
- 13 For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the depths,  
from the realm of the dead.
- 14 Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;  
ruthless people are trying to kill me—  
they have no regard for you.
- 15 But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,  
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
show your strength in behalf of your servant;  
save me, because I serve you  
just as my mother did.
- 17 Give me a sign of your goodness,  
that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,  
for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

CONTRIBUTOR: MARILYN MEAD

**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.**

**Soup & Soul -Virtual Lenten Speaker**

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!

**Holy Hour**

The next Holy Hour is **Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist.** There will be no Holy Hour in April.

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