

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

*Rev. John B. Jacquel, Pastor*

March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### 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

### PARTNERED PARISH OFFICE

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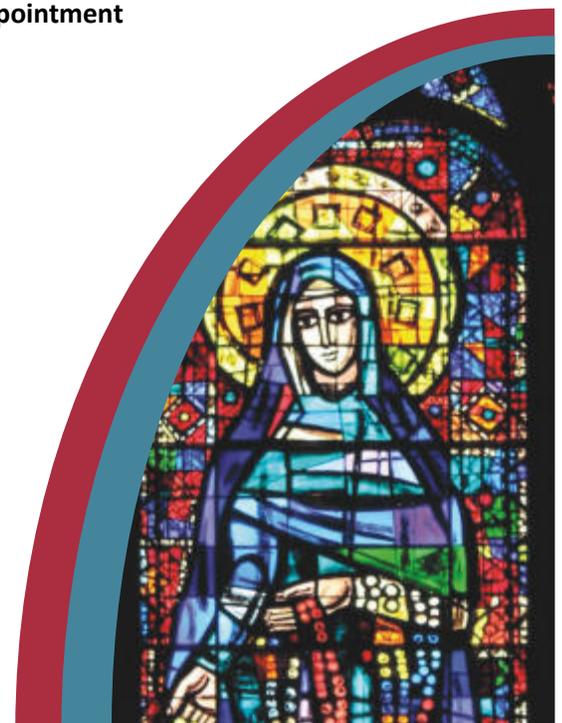
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### FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:

St. Luke FF Director: Sister Carmen Maldonado, SSC  
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# FROM THE PASTOR

I suggest that you set aside some time this week – this **Holy Week** – for silence. “Are you kidding? With all that needs to happen?” Seriously. You’ll thank me.

Of course, silence – stillness – could be felt as torturous, excruciating. Solitary confinement is a punishment for those who refuse to follow the rules.

But silence can also transform us, open us to new ways of living. The pupa is the stage where the caterpillar stops eating and goes into a kind of hibernation. This is essential to become a butterfly or beautiful moth. Silent moments – not busy moments of prayer – can have the same effect on our lives. Transforming us, improving us, maturing us.

This is risky stuff – we could find it near impossible to stop doing, stop planning, stop filling our lives and minds with things to do or think about. Our bodies and our minds will rebel – will fight against this – will try to talk us out of it. “Don’t waste this valuable time!”

Yet, these moments will help restore us to a peaceful spirit – and help prime us to use the time we have much more effectively. I have found that carving out *sabbath* time each week and each day helps me be more focused and able to accomplish more. Both quality and quantity improve when I take the time to just “be.”

This is the purpose of the Triduum – to be still and know the power of God (see Psalm 46:11) – it helps us truly appreciate Good Friday evening and Holy Saturday. Then, it will be time to party – and we’ll be ready!

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Please join in supporting the **Good Friday Collection**. Even if you don’t come to church that day, you can throw your envelope into the basket next weekend. This collection goes toward supporting the shrines in Israel where Jesus walked and ministered – people from all over the world visit these places and pray most profoundly at the very sites God intervened. I am grateful they are so well-cared for. I visited in February 1995 and November 1999 – and am ready to go back (once the pandemic is over).

**Fr. John**

## **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 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:

Mar 30	Morgan & Erin Eastman	Bonnie Prokocki
Apr 1	Paul Gostomski	Lori Follett
Apr 2	Tricia Balinski	
Apr 4	Denny Deiner	

### 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.*

## **A Time of Reflection**

*I have found during Lent I am not successful at “Giving Up” something. I cannot remember a Lent when I gave up something and actually made it to the end. This motivated me to a different path over the years and instead of “giving something up” I decided to try to “give” more of myself such as “to give thanks”.*



*Bonnie Prokocki - a member of St. John the Baptist*

*Colossians 4:2 in its simplicity helps me focus on being grateful even when times are tough. As stated further in Colossians, we pray that God may open a door for us. With the help and guidance of many, I have had doors opened for me and am deeply grateful.*

*“Preserve in prayer being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” (Colossians 4:2)*

*With these few words, I began to concentrate on giving thanks for the people in my life who gave of their selves. Of course, I begin with my parents who gave of themselves and taught me and my siblings to give of self and be thankful for what we have; for this I hold them in my prayers and in my heart daily. Their influence is certainly the foundation, but it is said “it takes a village to raise you”.*

*From my earliest years, the Sister’s of St. Joseph and Benedictine Sisters were part of my village and their devotion to education and love of community remain an influence in my life to this day. My mother’s devotion and close relationship with the Carmelite Community helped me understand the true importance and effect prayer has for all of us. I often think, there are countless people to pray for, how rewarding and blessed are we for their daily sacrifices and prayers helping so many. As their absence in our community is certainly a physical loss, it is reassuring to know we remain in their prayers.*

*As I grew older, the more I began to value the commitment made by our religious communities including our priests and deacons. I am grateful for their unlimited dedication of time, prayer, and support for our families, churches, and community and they are certainly at the top of my list to pray for and give thanks. I am glad they will always be part of “my village” who knows when I may need help opening the next door.*

*Contributor: Bonnie Prokocki*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*On Good Friday, April 2nd, Catholics throughout the world are asked to give to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection in support of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Lands. The collection allows Christians, the living stones, to inhabit the Holy Places and in so doing bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ. The collection also helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes and bring aid to refugees, and the sacraments to Christians in places like Syria.*

*Christians in the Holy Land have a great need for your prayers and financial help. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived.*

*I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie*



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**March 29 - Monday of Holy Week**

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

**March 31 - Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:00 am SJB Patrick Hughes (Aunt Lois Reiser)

**April 1 - Holy Thursday**

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners (vigil until 10 pm in the Chapel)

**April 2 - Good Friday**

3:00 pm HR Liturgy

**April 3 - Holy Saturday**

8:30 pm HR Easter Vigil  
For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

**April 4 - Easter Sunday**

8:00 am SJB Raymond Kowalik (Deacon Denis & Mary Coan)  
10:30 am HR Gordon & Eileen Gaither (Daughter-Cindy)

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in support of a family member in need of healing (Manendo Family).

**Readings Next Weekend  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection  
of the Lord**

1st Reading: Acts 10:34A, 37-43  
2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4  
Gospel: John 20:1-9



**A Family Perspective**

*The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable, but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.*

**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**

April 1	7:00 p.m.	Bob Zimmer & Denny Deiner
April 2	3:00 p.m.	Kay Kitch & Rob Kocur
April 3	8:30 p.m.	Lori Follett, Bob Zimmer, Erin Eastman, Denny Deiner & Bob Przybylak
April 4	8:00 a.m.	Denny Deiner
April 4	10:30 a.m.	Kay Kitch & Cathy Lojewski

**Holy Week at home**

Starting on Palm Sunday - March 28, the Erie Diocesan Office of Faith Formation will be sharing a slate of prayers, video reflections, and family activities for Holy Week at <https://www.eriercd.org/holyweekathome.html>.

**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)

**April 18** - 2:00 p.m. First Communion Retreat—Students/ Parents in the church and rehearsal ( Only FF3, 3A, 3B)

**April 25** - 9:00 a.m. Mass—Candle lighting ceremony for outgoing FF10 / 10:00 a.m. FF End-of-Year meeting in the church / All parents & students: Blessing

**Way of Light**

During the Easter season we will be having the prayer service **'Way of Light' on Wednesday, April 7 & 21 at St. John the Baptist at 6:30 p.m.** It follows a similar model as Stations of the Cross but this devotion reflects upon the final chapters of each of the four gospels, which narrate the appearance of the Risen Lord from Easter to Pentecost. Let us continue during this season of light to open our hearts to the Pascal Mystery, and deepen our relationship with Christ. All are welcome!

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

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

**4 PM Mass Reminder**

**Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass returns to St. John the Baptist on April 10.** The 4:00 p.m. Mass will continue at St. John's through September. As a result of the switchover, Confessions will be heard Saturdays 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. John or by appointment.

**Holy Hour**

The next Holy Hour is **Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist.**



**MARCH 28 / PALM SUNDAY:** Masses at 8:00 a.m. at SJB and 10:30 a.m. at HR /Both Masses livestreamed

**MARCH 29/ CHRISM MASS:** 1:00 p.m. / livestreamed / Erie Diocese

**MARCH 31/ WAY OF THE CROSS (STATIONS):** 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist

**APRIL 1 / HOLY THURSDAY:** Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Rosary / livestreamed/ Vigil until 10:00 p.m. in the Chapel

**APRIL 2 / GOOD FRIDAY:** Stations of the Cross at 12 noon at St. John the Baptist. **Liturgy—3:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary /** Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion / livestreamed

**APRIL 3 / HOLY SATURDAY:** Blessing of Food at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary and St. John the Baptist. **Easter Vigil—8:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Rosary/livestreamed**

**APRIL 4 / EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:** Masses at 8:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist and 10:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary / Both Masses livestreamed

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