

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. John B. Jacquel, Pastor

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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 10 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 St. John or
by appointment beginning April 10, 2021

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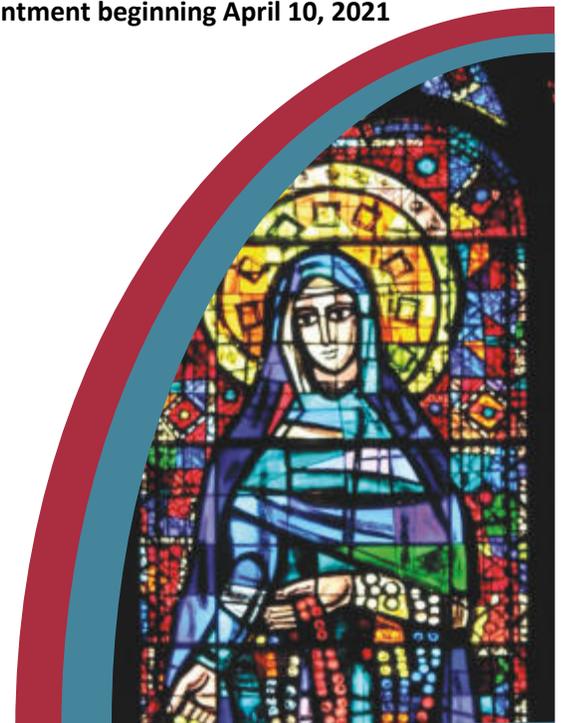
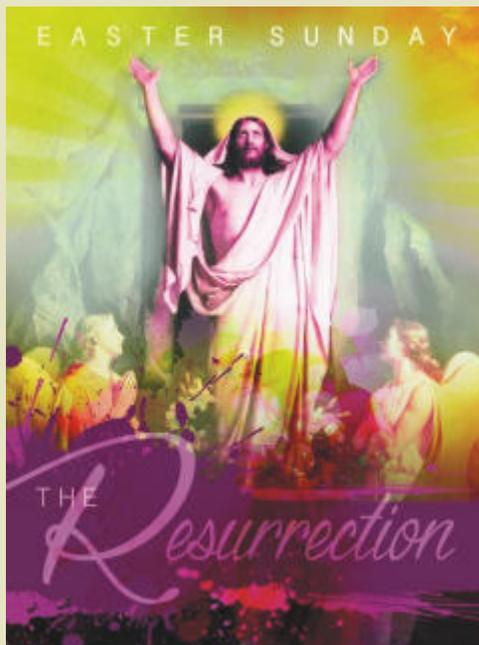
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FROM THE PASTOR

In his spiritual memoir, *"My Life with the Saints,"* (2006) Fr. James Martin relates the experiences of his life with his favorite church members in heaven. It's a very timely reflection as we ponder the promise of eternal life! His saintly mentors include Therese of Lisieux, Aloysius Gonzaga, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Joan of Arc.

If I were to write my own version, could you guess whom I would include? Philip Neri was the catalyst of renewal through his faith, humility, and humor. Damien DeVeuster poured out his life among those with leprosy in Hawaii, becoming marooned and infected himself. Elizabeth Bayley Seton found joy and energy after sorrow and suffering. She founded schools and a religious community here in our country. John Neumann pastored his flock humbly and faithfully, dying on the stoop of one of his parishioners in Philadelphia.

I was aware of the presence of saints in my journeys abroad as well. At Assisi, I saw the casket containing the body of Francis. Both apostles, John and Paul, spent significant time in Ephesus and I thought of them while walking through the ruins. Brother Andre Bessette greeted people at the Holy Cross shrine in Montreal and his ministrations healed thousands. The four church women in El Salvador and Oklahoma priest in Guatemala simply could not abandon the people they loved – Dorothy Kazel, Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, Jean Donovan, and Stanley Rother.

I've felt the presence of the Blessed Mother in two places, particularly. In Nazareth, her hometown, and just outside of Mexico City, where her image remains emblazoned on the Juan Diego's cloak. These are a few of the ones who have accompanied me. How about you?

In the movie, *Millions* (2004), 5-year-old Damian finds a sack of money. He wants to donate all of it to the poor, while his brother, Anthony, wants to upgrade his lifestyle. Various saints visit Damian to provide guidance along his path to healing. Did you know you are in the company of saints?

Yes, resurrection is to be believed! Jesus didn't stay dead; and neither will his followers. Let us join in the celebration of new life on so many levels. From all of us on the staff of St John's and Holy Rosary ~ **Happy Easter!**

Fr. John

Pastoral Council Meeting

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

Gary Johnston	Dee Byrne
Marge Burbee	Nick Vicentini
Michael Forish	Cathy Lojewski
Leo Musarra	Julie Sins
Denny Deiner	Greg Baker

Secretary: Joanne Donohue-Deiner

Ex Officio: Rev. John Jacquel, Deacon Denis Coan, Mary Hickin, Richard Marshall, Bonnie Prokocki & Deacon Matthew Ochalek. We are pleased to serve our parishes. Please feel free to bring us ideas or concerns you may have.

A Time of Reflection—Do Not Be Afraid

After 'a year like no other' we 'keep on keeping on' during the Coronavirus pandemic which has now surpassed one year. The year ahead is just as uncertain. Yet it is hoped, that by the fall of 2021 most of the U.S. population will have been vaccinated against COVID-19.



Marsha MacKinnon
– Administrative
Assistant for St.
John the Baptist &
Holy Rosary

These are NOT normal times. Nothing is normal about our everyday lives right now. Yet those of us who keep faith and hope alive, do so deliberately. It is not random nor an accident.

I have not seen my mother in Ohio, in-person, or my lifelong friends in Ontario in well over a year. I have deeply missed spending time with them. The activity that I extremely miss is singing in my church choir every Sunday. I miss everything about it.

One of the most beautiful choral pieces we ever sang is especially meaningful – right now. *"Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You"* is a hymn with lyrics by Gerard Markland and is based on Isaiah 41:10 and Isaiah 43:1-4. The music by Philip Stopford is beautifully melodic and deeply moving. (To hear this selection, go to YouTube and select the Stopford version)

Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You
By Gerard Markland

Chorus

Do not be afraid, For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; You are mine.

- 1 When you walk through the waters,
I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves. (chorus)
- 2 When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames. (chorus)
- 3 When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side. (chorus)
- 4 When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes. (chorus)
- 5 You are mine, O my child,
I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love. (chorus)

Christianity Today posted an article by Kate Shellnutt on its website on December 3, 2020 entitled "2020's Most Read Bible Verse: Do Not Fear." She writes "during the hardest moments of a particularly difficult year, Bible searches soared online, and a record number of people turned to Scripture for passages addressing fear, healing, and justice. The popular YouVersion Bible App reported searches increased by 80 percent in 2020, totaling nearly 600 million worldwide."

Shellnutt reports "Isaiah 41:10 ranked as the most searched, read, and bookmarked verse on the app: "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." (New Revised Standard Version—NRSV)

"Do not be afraid" is the most repeated command in the Bible, appearing more than 70 times, according to the catholicresources.org website.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 5

8:00 am HR Patti Doss (Kay & Sue)

Wednesday, April 7

8:00 am SJB Jean DeFranco (Brother-in-law)

Thursday, April 8

8:00 am HR John Mattis (Joe & Patti Mattis)

Friday, April 9

8:00 am SJB Lisa Marie Palombi Woodruff (Bill Rozenek)

Saturday, April 10

4:00 pm SJB Carolyn Pakulski (Cindy Matlock)

Sunday, April 11

8:00 am SJB For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

10:30 am HR Living & Deceased Knights of Columbus

Readings Next Weekend

Second Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31



A Family Perspective

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John "did not know" what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.

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 10	4:00 p.m.	Bonnie Prokocki
April 11	8:00 a.m.	Rachel Allburn
April 11	10:30 a.m.	Cindy DeCoursey & Lisa DiLuzio

Special Thank You

A special thank you to all our St. John and Holy Rosary families for their sponsorship of Easter Flowers for 2020 and 2021. Due to the pandemic, the acknowledgements were not posted in the churches last year. The acknowledgements for Easter 2021 reflect contributions made in 2020 and 2021 and are posted in both churches. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Support our Seminarians

The St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Card Party cannot be held again this year because of the pandemic. Instead, a cash prize raffle has been organized to support this mission. There are three cash prizes—a \$250 award, a \$500 award and one grand award of \$1,000. Your donation of \$25 will be your chance to win. No tickets, your check will be your entry. A live drawing will be held on Facebook on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Enter by mail to: St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary, c/o Majorie Adamus, 3414 Eliot Rd. Erie, PA 16508. Include contact information, phone number and/or email address, on your check.

In Matthew 28:5-10, the resurrection of Jesus, we are reminded again – do not be afraid:

"Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So, they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." (NRSV)

Then, Jesus commissioned his disciples – Matthew 28:16-20: *"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. **Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**" (NRSV)*

In Matthew 22:36-38, we are told what is expected of us: *"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He (Jesus) said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment.*" (NRSV)

As Easter people we not only submit to God's power in our lives, we respect that power. We know he has a plan for us. We know we are never alone and that He is always with us. Thanks be to God!

*"Do not be afraid, For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; You are mine."*

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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!

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.

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