

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. John B. Jacquel, Pastor

January 9, 2022 Baptism of the Lord

St. John the Baptist Church

Located at 509 E. 26th Street, Erie PA 16504

Holy Rosary Church

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

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

WEEKDAYS

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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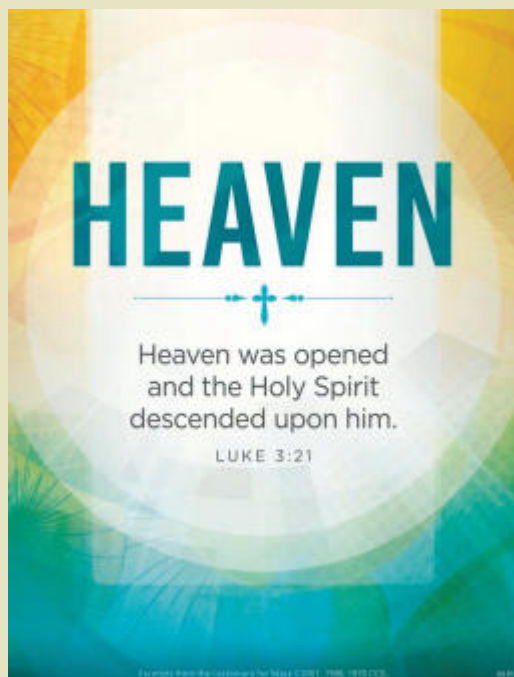
OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Office **CLOSED** Fridays

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:

St. Luke FF Director: Sister Carmen Maldonado, SSC
Adult FF Director: Mary Hickin 920-7525

PARTNERED PARISH WEBSITE: stjohn-holyrosary-erie.org/

ALL ARE WELCOME!





So, let's reflect upon the reality of the 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*. The Court is now considering a case from Mississippi, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. That state bans all abortions after 15 weeks from conception and has been contested all the way to here. The Court is also planning to hear arguments and rule on a law restricting abortions in Texas.

In 1973, when *Roe* was decided, not only were children in the womb made more expendable, but states' rights were circumvented. The Court short-circuited the impassioned debates happening in state after state. At the same time, even Dr. Alan Guttmacher, then president of Planned Parenthood stated, "When an abortion is easily obtainable, contraception is neither actively nor diligently used." Added to that is the prevailing experience that this abortion-on-demand phenomenon benefits mostly men. It has devalued the sacred nature of sex! It largely relieved men of the mutual responsibilities that accompany it.

If legal reforms regarding marriage and criminal law have had the effect of strengthening male responsibilities, then liberal abortion laws have eroded or mostly removed them.

When *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992) was decided, several Justices (O'Connor, Kennedy, Souter) could not affirm that *Roe* had been rightly decided, but it had "precedential force" requiring them to uphold its decision. It seems that they could detect the profit-driven industry that sprang up.

There's a lot that is wrong with our world – which is why God has come in person to save us (Christmas). Let there be a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit to guide us to the fullness of life and reverence for it. Not only for the woman who is pregnant, but the girl or boy who is *in utero*.

Many of these thoughts were condensed from Erika Bachiochi's essay in *America* (January 2022), pp. 10-11. See also her forthcoming book, "The Rights of Women: Reclaiming a Lost Vision."

Fr. John



Fr. John Jacquel



Deacon Denis Coan



Deacon Matthew Ochalek



Mary Hickin



Richard Marshall



Bonnie Prokocki

Ex-officios

The Parish Council Report:

December 14, 2021, Parish Council Meeting – A few notes from our last meeting to keep you informed of what's going on in our parishes. Your Council members for 2022 are as follows: Holy Rosary – Greg Baker, Dee Byrne, Alice Kendziora, Julie Sins, Nick Vicentini; St. John – Rachel Allburn, Marge Burbee, Denny Deiner, Bill Dopierala, Mike Forish. Ex-officios include Fr. John Jacquel, Deacon Denis Coan, Deacon Matthew Ochalek, Mary Hickin, Richard Marshall, and Bonnie Prokocki. Should you have any questions, comments, concerns, etc., at any time, please reach out to any one of us and we will discuss at our next meeting.

Our meetings begin with our Pastor's report. Some of those highlights are as follows: East Erie Parishes Study surveys were tallied and will be analyzed; positive feedback on kneeling after the Lamb of God; listening sessions will be initiated regarding the Synod and sign-ups for these sessions will be available soon; with Fr. John's appointment as the National Responsible for Jesus Caritas, his duties will take him out of town a few times throughout the year.

The finance representatives from both parishes (Richard Marshall – Holy Rosary, Bonnie Prokocki – St. John) gave their reports in which they stated that the finances are currently stable. Goals for the CSA were met at both churches.

The Building and Grounds representatives (Joe Mattis – Holy Rosary, Deacon Denis – St. John) both reported that all necessary repairs and maintenance work have been or are in the process of being completed.

Faith Formation/Welcoming and Belonging – Mary Hickin reported positive feedback on Season 2 of *The Chosen*, the Ephesians Bible Study, and the day of reflection on Spiritual Gifts. There will be another bible study in February (Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life). Efforts will be made to have a Parish Mission in 2022.

Your Council Members:



Greg Baker



Dee Byrne



Alice Kendziora



Julie Sins



Nick Vicentini



Rachel Allburn



Marge Burbee



Denny Deiner

Right:
Bill
Dopierala



Left:
Mike
Forish

Mass Intentions for the Week**Monday, January 10, 2022**

8:00 am HR Reed Gross (Jim & Brenda Ballas & Family)

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

8:00 am SJB Jack Dobrzynski (Barb)

Thursday, January 13, 2022

8:00 am HR Paul Scarpino (Rick & Dorothy Rutkowski)

Friday, January 14, 2022

8:00 am SJB Denvys & Fanny Shankle (Eleanor Shankle)

Saturday, January 15, 2022

4:00 pm HR Jerry Kirk (Laurie Rocco)

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:00 am SJB Brian "Bo" Boback (Nancy Bertocci)

10:30 am HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Readings Next Weekend****2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 62:1-5

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

**Family Perspective**

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

Livestream Mass Schedule

Go to YouTube and search for *St. John the Baptist Holy Rosary Erie PA*. Livestreaming is available at St. John for 8:00 a.m. Mass Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.

Lector Schedule

Jan 15 4:00 p.m. Rob Kocur
Jan 16 8:00 a.m. Denny Deiner
Jan 16 10:30 a.m. Melissa Hannah & Alice Kendziora

To request prayer or to join the people praying

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

49th Annual March for Life in Washington DC

The bus for Washington D.C. departs Erie at 11 p.m. on Thursday, January 20. The March for Life is on Friday, January 21. The March for Life will begin immediately following the Rally – around 1 p.m. The group will march peacefully up Constitution Ave. to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. The bus returns to Erie about 1:30 a.m. Saturday, January 22. The cost is \$60 a seat. Contact the People for Life office at 814-882-1333 or office@peopleforlife.org.

**Faith Formation at St. Luke**

At St. Luke/Director: Sr. Carmen Maldonado 825-6920 Ext 237
ADULT FAITH FORMATION /Director: Mary Hickin 920-7525
(Masks/social distancing required)

January 2022

- Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. Parents/Students in the school cafeteria - morning prayer together - Unit 3
- Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. Parents/Students in the school cafeteria - morning prayer together

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics and Christians, but do we really know him as we should? We invite you to join us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life, a video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what He means for us as Catholics today. We will begin the study on Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Pastors' Hall at SJB. Participants will meet for a lively group discussion and fellowship, then view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri. For more information or to register, contact Mary Hickin at 814-392-6126 or eastsidecfc@gmail.com. Fliers are at the entrances to the churches. We hope you can join us!

Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour is on **Thursday, February 3** at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist.

Marriage Preparation Retreat

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter marriage preparation **weekend on Jan. 28-30, 2022**, at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Learn more and register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>.

22:32 Men's Conference 2022

The men's conference will be held **February 12, 2022 at St. Jude**, Erie, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$20. Pre-register online at <https://www.2232men.com/event-registration/>

Removal of Christmas Decorations

Some extra hands are needed to help remove the Christmas decorations from St. John's and Holy Rosary on **Sunday, January 9** after both the 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses. Please contact Julie Sins or Lori Follett to let them know that you'll help.

St. John's /Holy Rosary 31 Club

Each member chooses one day of the month to pray for an increase of vocations for the church. You can attend a Mass, say a rosary, or offer special prayers on that date. There is a great need for more vocations! If you would like to become a member of the St. John's/Holy Rosary 31 Club, or have questions, please call Joanne Deiner at 814-899-1968 or email joannedonohue50@gmail.com.

Upcoming Mass commitments:

Jan 9 Jean Zimmer
Jan 10 Mary Ellen Lieb
Jan 13 Allene Kraus
Jan 14 Jane Wagner
Jan 15 Joan Fye

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