



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. John B. Jacquel, Pastor

Deacon Assistant Denis, Deacon Assistant Matthew & Deacon Francis

January 16, 2022 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

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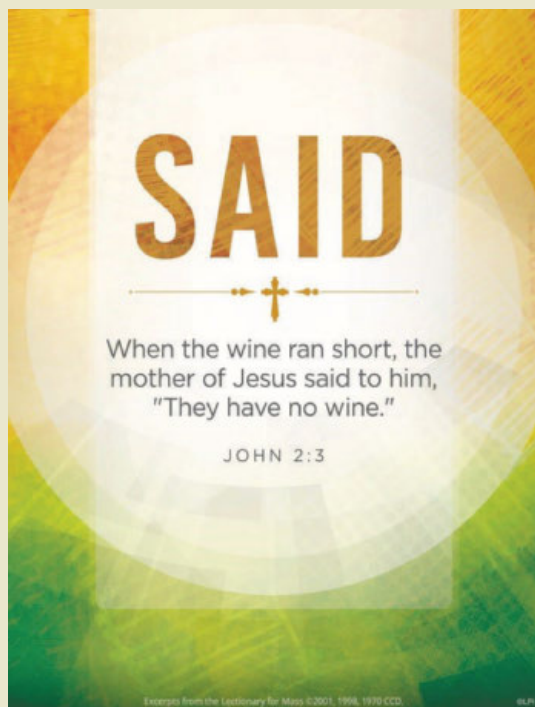
Office **CLOSED** Fridays

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!





I've had the blessing of perusing a few good books lately. Have you? Here are a couple:

I've read some of American Catholic author Flannery O'Connor before, but I was not really prepared to be blown away by the collection of short stories **Everything That Rises Must Converge** (1965) published shortly after her death. You really cannot guess the endings of the stories Greanleaf, View of the Woods, and The Lame Shall Enter First – and you might need to sometime close your mouth after such stunning endings. She weaves faith expressions into each story at some point – so, it's not just entertainment. I also recently read her novel **The Violent Bear It Away** (1960), but that book takes longer to sort out and appreciate. Warning: her writing can be a bit dark.

How was this possible? **Educated: A Memoir** (2018) describes Tara Westover's true upbringing in a dysfunctional and quite abusive Mormon family in the mountains of Idaho. How did she survive? How did she manage to get where she later got? One small step at a time, it turns out. It's a fascinating (if not horrific at times) story. She suffers (literally) at the hands of her brother and father, particularly, and their stubborn rejection of social and national supports (medical and governmental) and schools, in particular). And just when you think some of her family members understand, you realize that some engrained behaviors and attitudes (and traumas) are just insurmountable. Yet she was able to earn a doctorate at Oxford University! Wow – what a message of hope!

An especially engrossing book, **Prayer in the Night** (2021) by Episcopal priest Tish Harrison Warren, captured my attention for more than a week. That's because there's an awful lot to savor. The author situates her reflections upon the Liturgy of the Hours' Night Prayer (Compline) among riveting and emotional stories, including the miscarriage she just experienced in a new and strange city (Pittsburgh). When life turns dark, as it too frequently does, we can find incredible strength in the church's prescribed prayer before sleeping. She concludes by stating that God's love comes at us faster than the speed of light! Hope you find some good inspiration, also!

Fr. John

Christmas at Holy Rosary



Special Thank You: A special thank you to all who sponsored Christmas flowers at St. John the Baptist and Holy Rosary, making both churches festive and bright.

Photo below right: The Christos offered a music prelude before Christmas Eve Mass that included Night of Silence, What Child is This, and The Beautiful Mother. During Mass familiar favorites top the list including O Come All Ye Faithful, Silent Night, and Joy to the World, among others.

Christmas at Holy Rosary

Don't you wish everyday was Christmas? The anticipation of Christmas builds during the season of Advent as we celebrate the arrival of our Emmanuel—God with us—so we anticipate with hope, joy, peace and love. God is love. The lighting of the Christ candle is symbolic of how our Savior Jesus is the Light of the world. To live with that love in our hearts, is celebrating Christmas every day.

Below are photos from the Christmas Eve Mass at Holy Rosary. Next week Christmas highlights from St. John's.



Photo above right : Fr. John Jacquel celebrated Christmas Eve Mass, behind him the Christ candle is lit and prayers are offered as the baby Jesus is placed in the manger.



Photo right: Deacon Matthew Ochalek offers the spiritual communion prayer for those at home.



Photo above left to right: Charlotte Kujawinski & Margaret Balter



Contributors: Lori Follett, Julie Sins & Marsha MacKinnon

Mass Intentions for the Week**Monday, January 17, 2022**

8:00 am HR Darlene Kay Brock (Carl & Mary Poniatowski)

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

8:00 am SJB Margaret Verdecchio (Children)

Thursday, January 20, 2022

8:00 am HR Bob & Mary Terrill (Family)

Friday, January 21, 2022

8:00 am SJB Irene Forish (Estate)

Saturday, January 22, 2022

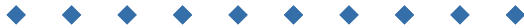
4:00 pm HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00 am SJB George Auer (Estate)

10:30 am HR Allan Gerber (Rick & Dorothy Rutkowski)

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Stanley Baginski (Family).

Readings Next Weekend**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Family Perspective

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

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 22 4:00 p.m. Emily Artello
 Jan 23 8:00 a.m. Bill Dopierala
 Jan 23 10:30 a.m. Kay Kitch & Cathy Lojewski

To request prayer or to join the people praying

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

SJB: Allene Kraus at 825-3501 or Lois Reiser at 459-3373

January 2022- Reporting**Holy Rosary - December Offertory**

Weekly 11,106

Loose 404

Online giving 314

Holy Days 1,920

Total December Offertory: \$14,056**St. John the Baptist - December Offertory**

Weekly 7,738

Loose 86

Online giving 538

Holy Days 532

Christmas 2,653

Total December Offertory: \$11,547Faith 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. This study begins 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 eastsidecff@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.

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! To join call Joanne Deiner at 814-899-1968 or email her at joannedonohue50@gmail.com.

Upcoming Mass or prayer commitments:

Jan 18	Julie Sins
Jan 19	Mary & Lee Simmons and Leo Musarra
Jan 20	Pat Bielenski
Jan 22	Carl & Mary Poniatowski

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am grateful every day for the resources we have to help spread the Gospel message. Imagine how different our experience of the pandemic would be if we did not have the ability to Zoom or to livestream.

At the heart of all that communicating is strong content. That's why the Diocese of Erie continues to invest in a team dedicated to providing you with thoughtful publications, social media posts, web resources and more, all designed to help me in my role as shepherd of the Diocese of Erie.

I strive to take full advantage of every tool at our disposal to keep you informed through Faith magazine, weekly e-blasts, and the diocesan website www.ErieRCD.org and on our social media platforms. Thanks to your generous support, all of it remains available free of charge.

Please consider supporting the 2022 Help Spread the Faith collection the weekend of Jan. 22/23.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
 Bishop of Erie*

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