



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

**Rev. John B. Jacquel, Pastor**

*Deacon Assistant Denis, Deacon Assistant Matthew & Deacon Francis*

January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

**St. John the Baptist Church**

Located at 509 E. 26<sup>th</sup> 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  
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**PARTNERED PARISH WEBSITE:** [stjohn-holyrosary-erie.org/](http://stjohn-holyrosary-erie.org/)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**





In a book that will not be reviewed (it's too dense for general consumption), **Solitude and Compassion** (2009) by Gus Gordon, there are two chapters that make some great points. Getting to them is the hard part.

He says that in the Hebrew tradition "On the one hand, the very core of their sacred tradition consisted in how their God had decisively and repeatedly delivered the Hebrew people from both foreign and domestic domination, the liberative tradition...But there also emerged the temple tradition, which arose concomitantly with the rise of the monarchy." (p.80) The former favored the peasant society, the latter the elites and rulers. The prophets became strong supporters of the first, especially to provide balance and challenge to the kings.

This contrasts with other cultures, which clung to "the great return," where everything was perceived to have moved in cycles or circles. The Hebrews saw *history* as where God had acted – particular events – and not in recurring *seasons*, as did the fertility (pagan) religions. And Jesus, not part of the Hebrew priesthood or ruling elite, sided with those who emphasized deliverance: "To proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind" as he said in his inaugural address at the synagogue in his hometown (Luke 4:18).

Once, at a Notre Dame University Liturgy Conference, a lecturer said that to improve your liturgy, you ought to open a thrift shop. The point: praxis is more important than the trappings. The real practice of the faith is to care for widows, orphans, and the poor (to paraphrase James 1:27). It's not so much the Temple, although Jesus taught there at times – but it is in homes, streets, on mountains, and even on the sea where the faith is truly lived out.

So, it is with us – and Our Neighbor's Place. I was able to help check-in several of the homeless at the Mental Health Association building (instead of St John's School) on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>. This essential action of faith, perhaps more so than "showing up" for Mass, is critical. Joined together, they form an integrated whole in terms of true worship. Jesus reached out to those who suffered and offered the assistance they essentially needed, and we do the same when we engage in these kinds of ministries.

We neglect, to the peril of those who are suffering as well as our own, Jesus' insistence on caring for the poor.

**Fr. John**

**Christmas at St. John the Baptist**



Photo above: (left to right) Marge Burbee & Lori Follett.

*Merry Christmas to all!*

**Christmas at St. John the Baptist**

At St. John the Baptist on Christmas morning we could see beautiful poinsettias, trees, and the manger scene in front of the altar because we were celebrating the birth of Jesus! During the homily Deacon Denis Coan asked, "If you had wonderful news to tell somebody, who would you tell first?" God in his infinite wisdom choose the Shepherds to entrust the greatest news in eternity. We are called to be like the shepherds and go in haste making known what had taken place and our lives will never be the same. The following is a collection of photos taken at St. John's on Christmas day.



Photo left: (left to right) The Skladanowski family -Jennifer (daughter-in-law) & Joe (son), with Rick & Mary Margaret



Photo right: Chuck & Mary Ann Santi - AKA Santa & Mrs. Claus. They even have matching masks!



Photo left: Livestreaming Mass to those at home is one positive development over the last two years. As we are about to begin year three of the pandemic, livestreaming and Zoom gatherings are ways to bring people safely together.

Photo right: Fr. John Jacquel (front) offers the Eucharistic Prayer with Deacon Denis Coan.

Contributors: Lori Follett, Julie Sins & Marsha MacKinnon





[Mass Intentions for the Week](#)**Monday, January 24, 2022**

8:00 am HR Ron, Jeff &amp; Tim (Stephen &amp; Nadine Laufer)

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

8:00 am SJB Jerry Kirk (Jerome &amp; Joan Peterson)

**Thursday, January 27, 2022**

8:00 am HR Carol Mallozzi (Tom &amp; Sheri Noyer)

**Friday, January 28, 2022**

8:00 am SJB William Reiser (Mr. &amp; Mrs. Richard Miller)

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

4:00 pm HR Joanne McIntire (Kimberly &amp; Jerry Cobaugh)

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

8:00 am SJB For all Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners

10:30 am HR Linda Bianchi (Gloria Bianchi)

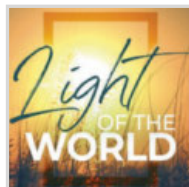
**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week in memory of Ted Weiss (Mimi Weiss).

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[Readings Next Weekend](#)**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

[Family Perspective](#)

*In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.*

[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 29	4:00 p.m.	Bob Zimmer
Jan 30	8:00 a.m.	Rachel Allburn
Jan 30	10:30 a.m.	Donna Mann & Richard Marshall

[Pray for our neighbors](#)

*God of love and mercy, thank you for loving us. Help us to love others through the works of mercy for body and spirit. May all those in need find help and support and be delivered from the bondage of homelessness. Grant those who volunteer the strength of heart to continue to spread the light and hope of your son, Jesus Christ, to all they encounter. Amen.*

[Day of Adoration 2022](#)

Join us on Friday, January 28, 2022 for "I Will Never Leave You," a Day of Adoration from 10 a.m. to midnight at Holy Rosary. The day begins with Exposition at 10 a.m. with Fr. John Jacquel, Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung) with Fr. Johnathon Schmolt, 10:30 p.m. Adoration Worship Concert, and 11:30 p.m. Eucharistic Procession and Benediction with Fr. Joe Petrone. Come for an hour, stay for a quarter hour or stay all day. Come for Benediction. Come to him who never leaves you.

[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. 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 [eastsidecff@gmail.com](mailto:eastsidecff@gmail.com). Fliers are at the entrances to the churches. We hope you can join us!

[Holy Hour](#)

Holy Hour is every month on Thursday before the first Friday at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church. **The next Holy Hour is on Thursday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist.**

[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/>

[Diocesan microsite on the Synod now online](#)

All information pertaining to the Synod on Synodality, including a downloadable prayer card, news releases, social media links and a direct link to the Vatican's site on the same topic, can now be found at [www.ErieRCD.org/synod.html](http://www.ErieRCD.org/synod.html). The site will be updated regularly.

[In Remembrance](#)

*Our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of John Zeiber, Jr. and Anna Mae (Vogt) Anaya. May they rest in peace.*

[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](mailto:joannedonohue50@gmail.com).

[Upcoming Mass or prayer commitments:](#)

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Jan 25	Rochelle Vicentini
Jan 27	Mary Tighe

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