



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. John B. Jacquell, Pastor

Deacon Assistant Denis, Deacon Assistant Matthew & Deacon Francis

January 30, 2022 4th 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!





This Sunday opens **Catholic Schools Week** – a time when each school will take time to celebrate a little, as well as continue to provide a quality education.

I (and a number of priests) did not attend a Catholic School, and I always thought their purpose nowadays was to facilitate “upward mobility” for middle class families. But I was wrong.

In August 2009, I was appointed to St John’s and when I saw what the merged school was doing – helping kids and their families climb out of poverty, I began to see the original purpose before my eyes. People like St Elizabeth Ann Seton and St John Neumann built, taught, and strengthened the Catholic Schools in our country as a way to achieve the great “melting pot” vision. They helped thousands and thousands of poor immigrant children (and families) to also experience a quality education and thus take their place as leaders and servants in a nation growing stronger – due in no small part to this.

When we found that the costs of running the school exceeded our revenues, we were forced to close. But the legacy of both Holy Rosary and Saint John’s schools lives on in the leaders of our local and larger communities who were nurtured here.

Today, there are six elementary schools in the Erie Catholic school system (St James, St Luke’s, Our Lady of Peace, St George’s, St Jude’s, and Blessed Sacrament) as well as Mother Teresa Academy (which is part of the Villa Maria-Cathedral Preparatory Catholic school system). With Mercyhurst Prep and Prep-Villa as the secondary schools in Erie County, there is also St Gregory’s Elementary School in North East rounding out the roster in our area.

Of course, we support these schools through our annual assessments (\$21,469 for Holy Rosary, \$24,290 for St John’s) which comes from our parish revenues. But tuition, CSA monies from the Diocese, and contributions to scholarship funds (including our own monthly lottery tickets) helps to ensure that there will be the resources needed to help these schools thrive. Many others have also pledged or given support to individual schools or various endowment funds, as well. What an important ministry this is.

Fr. John

Catholic Schools: more than just school

James, Erin and Morgan Eastman are members of St. John the Baptist. Erin says there are several reasons why they chose St. Luke School for daughter Morgan. Erin says *“Catholic Schools incorporate spirituality into the classroom and academic excellence. The student to teacher ratio is smaller than that of a public school. Catholic Schools instill strong moral values.”*

Morgan has her own reasons for going to St. Luke School. *“I like attending a Catholic School because everyone is friendly, and the classes are good,”* says Morgan. *“I feel like I am in a good environment, and I know my friends and I are safe. I am in small classes and feel very loved. The teachers have enough time to do one-on-one (teaching) during classes. They are very helpful. I also love the spiritual aspect that is brought to class on a daily basis. I especially like attending weekly Mass as an entire school.”*

Why we chose Catholic school education

By Bonnie Prokocki

My parents chose Catholic School education for all five of their children from first grade through high school. Some of us continued our college education at Gannon and St. Bonaventure. So, yes, our formation was greatly influenced by the sisters and priests who taught and guided us. Though the tuition was relatively inexpensive “back then”, it was still a sacrifice for my parents to afford and we are forever grateful to them.

Once my husband and I had our own family, we chose to continue the custom and sent our own children to St. John the Baptist school. The times were definitely different for them; by now the teaching staff was primarily lay teachers and a much smaller enrollment. The guiding ideologies and environment were parallel to what my husband and I obtained from our Catholic school days. Our granddaughters continue this tradition and attend Catholic schools also. They are experiencing yet another difference, knowing that the tuition is out of reach for many and feel fortunate their parents with help from their parish and diocese, allow them to be part of OLP and Villa. They are proud to be part of a tradition that began with their great-grandparents!

Catholic Schools Week is an important time for all Catholic schools. This allows the students, faculty, and families to not only display, but show appreciation of how blessed they are to be part of a religious-focused environment.

Daily Lottery Ticket

When St. John / Holy Rosary School was open, tuition assistance, through various activities and fund-raisers, was available to students who applied for additional aid. Once the school was closed and students chose another Catholic school to attend, the Finance Council, with the approval of Fr. John wanted to continue to make tuition help available encouraging families to maintain their parishioners’ affiliation and obtain tuition aid as they had in the past.

The lottery program that helped to support various activities when the school was open seemed like a natural fit to utilize the proceeds for the newly formed “Tuition Assistance” program. The program is open to all families whose children attend a Catholic school. Each family must complete an application which identifies parishioner status, participation in parish functions and a copy of their report card from the previous year. Tuition assistance this past year was \$500 per student for K-8 and \$1,000 for 9-12. This amounts to about 10% of the annual school tuition. Proceeds are also targeted for our Faith Formation programs when available.

FYI: If all tickets were sold there is a guaranteed profit of \$1,000 each month. We currently average around \$300 - \$400 a month profit, which basically covers the cost of this Tuition Assistance program. **WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SELLERS AND BUYERS!**

I would like to thank Elaine Ryan, who handles the distribution, collection of tickets and most importantly the payments to the WINNERS! We all love getting mail from Elaine!

If you have questions, contact Bonnie Prokocki at 814-825-4220.

Mass Intentions for the Week**Monday, January 31, 2022**

8:00 am HR Margaret Verdecchio (Children)

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

8:00 am SJB Jerry Kirk (Joe Franceschello)

Thursday, February 3, 2022

8:00 am HR Jean McGill (Dee Byrne)

Friday, February 4, 2022

8:00 am SJB David Mayhew (Dobrzynski Family)

Saturday, February 5, 2022

4:00 pm HR Tom Byrne (Dee Byrne)

Sunday, February 6, 2022

8:00 am SJB Richard Kraus (Allene Kraus)

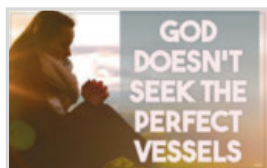
10:30 am HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Readings Next Weekend****5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

**Family Perspective**

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.

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

Feb 5 4:00 p.m. Dee Byrne

Feb 6 8:00 a.m. Joanne Deiner

Feb 6 10:30 a.m. Cindy DeCoursey & Tom DiVecchio

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 814-825-3501 or Lois Reiser at 814-459-3373

Online giving

We encourage those who do not currently use online giving, to try it. Log on to the St. John/Holy Rosary website <https://stjohn-holyrosary-erie.org/> and click the 'Online Giving' tab. Enter your information and select from the drop-down list where your contribution is to be applied.

Vocation Chalice Program

Be part of helping vocations grow. All parishioners from St. John's and Holy Rosary are invited to take a turn bringing the traveling chalice and book of prayers into their homes and pray for more young women and men to answer God's call. To get on the schedule please contact Allene Kraus at 814-825-3501 or Julie Sins at 814-384-1412 or juliesins@aol.com

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)

February 2022

- Feb. 13 & Feb. 27 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. We 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 eastsidectff@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/>

Youth Conference by NET Ministries

St. Mark and Mount Calvary Parishes, invite all youth in sixth through 12th grades to the NET Ministries Youth Conference on **Saturday, February 5** from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Mark social hall, 695 Smithson Ave. NET Ministries is a group of fun, energetic and engaging young adults who travel the country to share their experiences and faith with young people. RSVP for the conference at <https://form.jotform.com/smmcreled/net-ministries-form> or contact the office at office@smmc.church or 814-899-3000.

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 or prayer commitments:

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| Jan 30 | Morgan & Erin Eastman and Bonnie Prokocki |
| Jan 31 | Denny & Joanne Deiner |
| Feb 1 | Paul Gostomski & Lori Follett |
| Feb 2 | Tricia Balinski |
| Feb 3 | Jen Baker |
| Feb 4 | Denny Deiner |

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