



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. John B. Jacquell, Pastor

Deacon Assistant Denis, Deacon Assistant Matthew & Deacon Francis

February 20, 2022 7th 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

PARTNERED PARISH OFFICE

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Office **CLOSED** Fridays

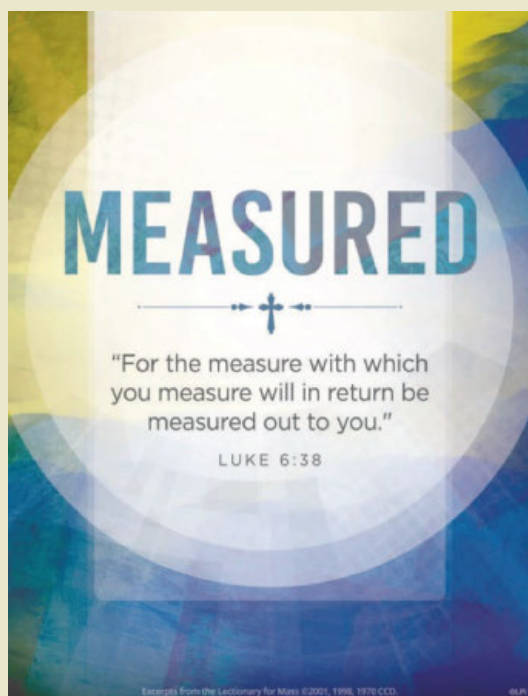
FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:

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!





Well, maybe it's time to tell you of ANOTHER new development – the way the Diocese is planning to restructure Faith Formation for 6th-12th grade students. We had a preliminary presentation on this back in October, and now it's getting closer to implementation.

It doesn't make sense to promote a "classroom" approach to students after sixth grade. This is where we've been 'losing them.' No – we need to provide a much more engaging and interactive way to discuss the matters of our faith – and we ought to offer the sacrament of Confirmation at an earlier age than we have been. By the time a student gets to 11th grade, we not only compete with employment, but also a great multitude of activities that make the faith seem "irrelevant."

To that end, we are hoping to introduce a process of faith sharing groups that will require a bit more preparation and expertise among our religious educators. We need questioning and wrestling with faith issues to happen more in a less pedagogical environment – in more of a dialogue manner. This will happen – with definite attention to doctrine (we're not abandoning this) but more in active conversation than in a passive way.

Confirmation as an initiation sacrament ought to happen sooner so that our young people have the blessing of the graces and more intentional assistance of the Holy Spirit earlier in life. Some dioceses emphasize that this should be done at First Communion time, but that model has many shortcomings, also – although it restores the natural order of the initiation sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, and then First Communion). The Church has struggled in the past century or so to "get this right."

If Confirmation happens in 9th grade (I received mine in 6th), then *mystagogia* (ongoing faith formation following reception) can proceed, especially as we no longer treat Confirmation as "graduation" from youth faith formation. By experiencing the methodology prior to the sacrament, we hope to see this as the way we continue learning about our faith the rest of our lives. This may be difficult to instill in parents, particularly, who experienced the latter themselves.

Stay tuned, as we see what further developments may help this process improve for the future of faith formation – of Church engagement – and of the hoped-for lasting relationship it hopes to foster for each member of the Church with our Lord.

Fr. John

Synod Listening Sessions

**St. John the Baptist &
Holy Rosary Partnered Parishes**



Remaining schedule

February 23

St. John's Pastor's Hall
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

March 3

Holy Rosary –gathering area
6 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We invite you to participate in at least one session facilitated by our trained parish leaders. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard.

Prayer Shawl Blessing Mass

Many Prayer Shawls from the St. John's/Holy Rosary Ministry will be blessed at the **4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 5th at Holy Rosary**. They will be available to take after the Mass and again on Sunday after the 10:30 Mass. If you are unable to attend these Masses and are in need of a shawl, please call Mary Margaret Skladanowski at 814 520-8903 or Deb Totzke at 814 825-4493. Shawls are meant to bring comfort and peace to someone who is ill, someone who feels alone or sad, or someone who has been kind to you and you would like to give them a gift. The shawls are given freely, but donations to buy more yarn would be accepted.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meetings

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry of Holy Rosary and St. John's will be on **Thursday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m.** in Pastor's Hall at St. John the Baptist Church. Please come and join us if you like to knit or crochet. Also, if you or someone you know is in need of a shawl, please contact Mary Margaret Skladanowski at 814 520-8903 or Debbie Totzke at 814-825-4493. With this ministry compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort. Many blessings are prayed into

4th Annual Dad Squad Gathering

Men of all ages and from all Erie eastside parishes are invited to attend the 4th Annual Dad Squad Gathering on Sunday, February 27 from 10 - 11 a.m. in the St. Luke School cafeteria. This is a men-only event for dads, grandfathers, guardians, uncles, and mentors. Fr. John Malthaner leads the discussion that is TBA. No cost and no registration necessary. We only ask that everyone wear a MASK which is required in the school building. This year, we look forward to serving a continental breakfast to all the MEN (**18 years of age and older**) who attend.

Sub Sale

The Knights of Columbus are selling sub coupons from Teresa's Deli for \$5 each. This fundraiser helps us support the Mercy Center for Women, Second Harvest Food Bank, spring flowers for Holy Rosary, and Our Neighbor's Place homeless shelter. For coupons at St. John's see Chuck Santi or call 814-825-9100 or at Holy Rosary Gary Pietrasiewicz or call 814-898-2357.

Thank you for your support!

Erie Catholic Schools open house

Erie Catholic School System will host open house events **Sunday, February 27** at Blessed Sacrament, St. George and St. Luke and again on **Sunday, March 6** at Our Lady of Peace, St. James and St. Jude. All open house events will take place from 1-3 p.m.

Visitors will experience a campus tour, interactive science labs, and classroom visits. Learn more about our academic curriculum and faith-based education for students in pre-school—8th grade. Pre-registration is required at www.eriecatholic.org



Mass Intentions for the Week**Monday, February 21, 2022**

8:00 am HR Peter Bianchi (Gloria Bianchi)

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

8:00 am SJB Alex Kashmer (Stella Mikolajewski & Family)

Thursday, February 24, 2022

8:00 am HR Raymond Bianchi (Gloria Bianchi)

Friday, February 25, 2022

8:00 am SJB Ann & Steven Krym (Estate)

Saturday, February 26, 2022

4:00 pm HR Nick & Josephine D'Annibale (Family)

Sunday, February 27, 2022

8:00 am SJB Tom Musarra (Family)

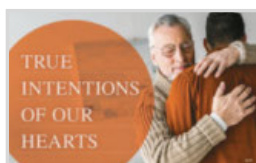
10:30 am HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Readings Next Weekend****8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Sir 27:4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

**Family Perspective**

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."

Livestream Mass Schedule

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

Lector Schedule

Feb 26 4:00 p.m. Tom DiVecchio

Feb 27 8:00 a.m. Sarah White

Feb 27 10:30 a.m. Kay Kitch & Cathy Lojewski

To request prayer or to join the people praying

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

SJB: Allene Kraus (814-825-3501) or Lois Reiser (814-459-3373)

Baptismal preparation class

Those who are planning a baptism, need to attend a Baptismal preparation class. The next class is **Saturday, March 5 at 10 a.m. at the Holy Rosary Rectory**. To register, call the church office 814-456-4254.

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)

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- Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. Parents/Students in the school cafeteria - morning prayer together

Holy Hour

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

Book and Basket Tree

The Prayer Shawls Ministry and the Welcoming and Belonging Committee are working together during this Lenten season to help **Mercy Center for Women**. The first Sunday of Lent we will have the Book and Basket tree at both St. John's and Holy Rosary Churches. This year you have a choice of either taking an "egg" tag, a "book" tag or one of each. On the back of the egg tags will be whether the basket is for a boy or girl and their age. On the back of the book tag will be the name of the desired book for a child or adult, the author, and an approximate price. There will also be a donation box if you would prefer to donate money for us to buy a book. All Easter baskets and books should be returned to either St. John's or Holy Rosary by Palm Sunday, April 10th. Please attach the tag to the basket or to the book.

Mustard Seeds Meetings

The St. John's/Holy Rosary Mustard Seed group reads and discusses the scripture readings for the upcoming week. We meet at 1:00 p.m. in the St. John's Rectory Conference Room on the following dates: **February 24, March 10 & March 24**. If you would like to join this group, please contact Mary Margaret Skladanowski at 814-520-8903.

1:38 Women's Conference 2022

The 7th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference will be held in person **March 12, 2022 at St. Jude** in Erie. Doors open at 8 a.m. Conference begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$20. More information can be found online at <https://www.138women.com/>

Spring Women's Cursillo

The Erie Cursillo Movement is accepting candidate applications for a Women's Cursillo April 29 to May 1, 2022. Applications available at www.eriecursillo.org or by calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119.

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, and 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 and prayer commitments:

Feb 20	Pat Bielenski
Feb 22	Carl & Mary Poniatowski
Feb 23	Joan Cerrona
Feb 25	Rochelle Vicentini

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