



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

**Rev. John B. Jacquell, Pastor**

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

**February 27, 2022 8th 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 (February 26 to September)

Holy Rosary (October to March)

#### **SUNDAY MORNING MASS**

**8:00 AM** at St. John the Baptist

**10:30 AM** at St. John the Baptist

#### **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 St. John's or  
by appointment

### **PARTNERED PARISH OFFICE**

2701 East Avenue, Erie, PA 16504-2917

**St. John the Baptist** 814-454-2873

[secretary@sjberie.org](mailto:secretary@sjberie.org)

**Holy Rosary** 814-456-4254

[parish.secretary@holyroaryerie.org](mailto:parish.secretary@holyroaryerie.org)

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

Office **CLOSED** Fridays

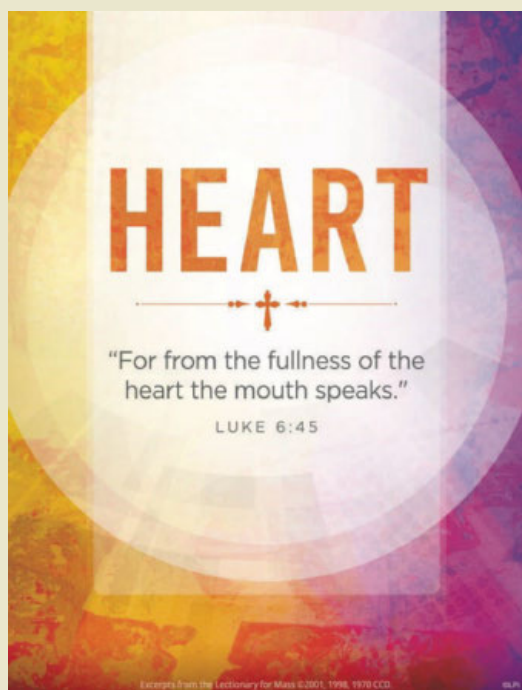
#### **FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:**

St. Luke FF Director: Sister Carmen Maldonado, SSC

Adult FF Director: Mary Hickin 920-7525

**PARTNERED PARISH WEBSITE:** [stjohn-holyrosary-erie.org/](http://stjohn-holyrosary-erie.org/)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**





Well, that's inconvenient! The heating of Holy Rosary Church was innovative at the time – pipes arranged in a back-and-forth pattern in which hot water could flow – encased in concrete – covered with a floor – then the church building erected over it.

PVC had not yet been invented in 1954, so the pipes were metal and the water over 68 years has corroded them so that leaks are springing in several places. Our heating people found some – but not all. Even if we could find the present ones, it seems that other leaks would open – it would just be a matter of time. And remove the pews, floor, and jack hammer all the concrete? That would not be smart.

It appears we must abandon that system and look for a new way to heat the interior of the nave. So, with temporary measures costly and winter weather still a month (or two) ahead – we are grateful we have a partnered parish that has heat. We will have all our Weekend Masses at St John's. Weekday Masses can still be in the warm chapel. Sunday Masses will return to Holy Rosary as the weather (and building) warms naturally. (The space heater just isn't warming the building enough – and is costly).

I asked if we could charge the nave floor pipes with warm water, but with the leaks air bubbles navigate to chapel, sacristy, sanctuary, office, and convectors – the other "zones" in the system – and shut them down until the air is bled out.

Don't forget – St John's had to close for painting in early 2020 (starting Feb 11<sup>th</sup>). There were, to my count, five weekends that all the St John's Masses had to be hosted at Holy Rosary. Then, public Masses were suspended at all parishes, due to the pandemic (beginning March 18<sup>th</sup>). We began livestreaming – as best we could – after that. It wasn't until at least June that we began to return to public Masses – at both churches.

Meanwhile, we will have various heating installers bid on a new system. However, we also found out that with this coming summer's stimulus monies already engaging these technicians for all the local schools – it may be hard to get this accomplished on a timely basis. Keep your hands folded and prayers coming.

**Fr. John**

**Synod Listening Sessions**  
**St. John the Baptist &**  
**Holy Rosary Partnered Parishes**



**Remaining schedule**

**Thursday, March 3** from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Holy Rosary - Gathering Area

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. Call the church office at 814-456-4254 to reserve a seat, this is just for a head count. More information on the Synod can be found at [www.ErieRCD.org/synod.html](http://www.ErieRCD.org/synod.html)

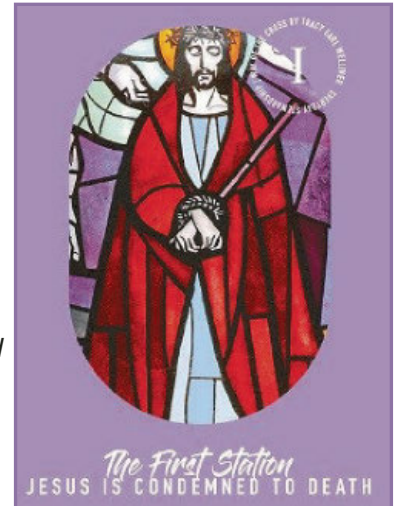
**Lent 2022 - Stations of the Cross**

During this Lenten season, we will walk with Jesus, perhaps a little more closely. A walk that inspires reflection through each stop of the Stations of the Cross. Contributors from St. John's and Holy Rosary will help us reflect on Jesus' final journey.

***The First Station: Jesus is condemned to death.***

*All of the efforts of those who wanted Jesus dead were about to be fulfilled, as Jesus stands before Pilate, with no one to defend him against the false charges that were brought against him, he is sentenced to death.*

*Jesus stands before us, open to our gaze, bound and vulnerable, sorrowful. Even at the end of this long night of interrogation, humiliation, and pain, he reaches out his hands in a gesture of compassion and freely accepted the judgment placed on him.*



*Do we, like Pilate, give in to the demands of this world and fail to speak up for those who need our voice. Or, do we have the courage to raise our voices and make our love known in this world.*

*By Deacon Denis Coan*

***The Second Station: Jesus carries His cross.***

*The soldiers put the cross on your bleeding and bruised shoulders even though you were not guilty of any crime. The cross you were forced to carry was not just a piece of wood. You carried the sins of the world. It was not easy. You had been abused and You were tired. The cross must have seemed so heavy! Yet, You did it for us so that we would have a means of salvation. You loved us that much!*

*We all have our small and large struggles which are our crosses to bear in life. Sometimes it may seem like we have the weight of the world on our shoulders. Things in life may be difficult and may not go the way we want them to go, but we cannot run away from our problems or take the easy way out. Jesus gave us His example. Even though it was difficult and painful, Jesus accepted the weight of the world on His shoulders in order to redeem us from our sins. He did it for us!*

*Lord, Please give me the strength to carry my crosses in life without complaint, but in complete faith.*

*By Joanne Donohue-Deiner*

During Lent, you are invited to St. John's to experience the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. The first *Way of the Cross* is March 9. To see the video *The Way of the Cross*, go to our Partnered Parish website: <https://stjohn-holyrosary-erie.org/>

Mass Intentions for the Week**Monday, February 28, 2022**

8:00 am HR Mary Fran Kalkhof (Tom Kalkhof)

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - Ash Wednesday**

8:00 am SJB Jerry Kirk (Dennis &amp; Patti Pavalko)

7:00 pm HR For all Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners

**Thursday, March 3, 2022**

8:00 am HR Bob Kitch (Kay &amp; Sue)

**Friday, March 4, 2022**

8:00 am SJB Fred Laird (Family)

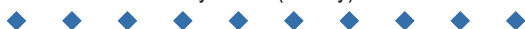
**Saturday, March 5, 2022**

4:00 pm HR For all Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners

**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

8:00 am SJB John &amp; Anna Fischer (John Fischer III)

10:30 am HR Bob &amp; Mary Terrill (Family)

Readings Next Weekend**First Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Dt 26:4-10

2nd Reading: Rom 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

In Remembrance

*Our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of  
Dorothy Gianoni. May she rest in peace.*

Family Perspective

Today Jesus tells us: "Why do you see the speck in someone else's eye but miss the log in your own eye?" It's always easier to try to change someone else than face the things in ourselves which need change. What a waste of time for we can't change anyone but ourselves.

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

Mar 5	4:00 p.m.	Rob Kocur
Mar 6	8:00 a.m.	Rachel Allburn
Mar 6	10:30 a.m.	Donna Mann & Richard Marshall

Sub Sale

The Knights of Columbus are selling sub coupons from Teresa's Deli for \$5 each to help 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 Gary Pietrasiewicz at Holy Rosary or call 814-898-2357 or Steve Sensor at 814-897-1258. *Thank you for your support!*

Lent begins March 2 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's  
Noon Ashes at St. John's  
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. John's

*No "Ashes-to-Go" this year.*

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)

**March 2022**

- March 6—First Reconciliation Retreat 2 p.m. in the church/Only FF 2, 2a & 2B
- March 20—10 a.m. FF Parents & Students morning prayer in the school cafeteria.

Baptismal preparation class

Those who are planning a baptism, need to attend a Baptism 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.

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 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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: **March 10 & March 24**. If you would like to join this group, please contact Mary Margaret Skladanowski at 814-520-8903.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meetings

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of Holy Rosary and St. John's will meet **March 10 & March 24 at 6:30 p.m.** in Pastor's Hall at St. John the Baptist Church.

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 27	Mary Tighe
Mar 1	Paul Gostomski
Mar 2	Tricia Balinski
Mar 3	Jen Baker
Mar 4	Denny Deiner

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