



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

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

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

March 6, 2022 First Sunday of Lent

**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 (March 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**

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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  
Adult FF Director: Mary Hickin 920-7525

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

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**





There's an awful lot going on these days. There are meetings with the East Erie County parishes to plan for the future (a bulletin insert will soon be coming), Synod listening sessions (which are wrapping up), parish activities, Lent has begun, Catholic Services Appeal, our Weekend Masses switched due to heating failure, and also the ongoing Pastoral Planning Process conducted by the Diocese. We had a meeting of priests a week ago to further that process.

In 2017, the Parish Pastoral Plan was enacted – when we (Holy Rosary and St John's) became officially partnered (rather than “merged”), although our parishes had been living that reality for years before. The Meitler firm had helped gather and organize the data and made recommendations, which were later tweaked and finalized. The Catholic schools, faith formation, vocation efforts, and central office restructuring were also addressed as part of this multi-pronged effort. The last part has been incremental, but ongoing.

Last year, Bishop Persico and the Worship Office had us reflect upon liturgical renewal and Eucharistic renewal – and one of the results was the posture of kneeling before and after Communion which synchronized our Diocese with the more universal practice. This year, the U.S. Bishops will promulgate their letter on Eucharistic renewal, which will give us all more to reflect upon. We are reminded that our true goal is salvation of souls – to help people better know, love, and serve God. And not just those who are presently part of our parish.

To enter this third phase of parish pastoral planning, which can be complex and multi-layered, the consulting firm, Meitler, will again be engaged. We must continue to respond to the resources available and re-think how we can do things in the future.

The top priority will be care of souls – not maintaining buildings and institutions. We must honor and revere the people who are treasured by God, respecting the character and uniqueness of each parish community – particularly its members. Everything we do ought to draw people closer to Christ. Are we focused on maintenance or mission? Preservation or Evangelization?

We should not get stuck on issues of finances or priest availability – and should zero in on parish vitality. We hope to improve our communication – for example, in fairness we need more priests in the eastern parts of our 13-county diocese. We seem to have no problem with people getting involved in various ministries (such as food pantries and homeless shelters) and what does “belonging” mean to the younger generation (those 40 and under)? It is certainly not the parish loyalty that long existed with those of us older. New wine calls for new wineskins (ways and means of engaging the folks in worship)! It will be a little daunting – and quite exciting! The Holy Spirit will guide us all, we believe, all along the way.

**Fr. John**

## Lent 2022 - Stations of the Cross

### **The Third Station: Jesus falls for the first time.**

By Denny Deiner

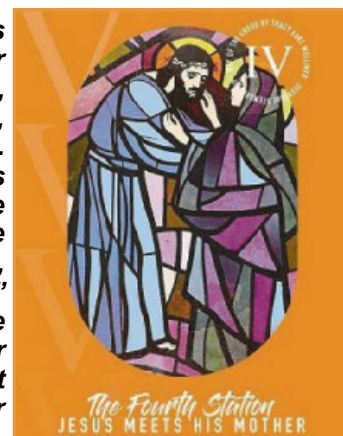
*The Cross is an important symbol of our Roman Catholic faith. Jesus carried the wooden beam up a steep hill to arrive at the site of His execution. He fell numerous times on this fateful journey! He did it for me. He did it in obedience to His Father. The sacrifice Jesus made, by His mortal body was a tribute to His love of all humanity.*

*May we live our lives with His sacrifice in the forefront of our daily thoughts and prayers. Jesus may my life proclaim my gratitude and understanding of your sacrifice as the scapegoat for our sins. Your fall should cause me pause!!*

### **The Fourth Station: Jesus meets His afflicted mother.**

By Dee Byrne

**Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, Woman, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.**



John 19:25-27

*This fourth Station of the Cross, where Jesus meets his mother, can bring me to tears. I try and place myself at the scene with Jesus, three women, and the beloved disciple – five persons altogether - all joined by the love they have for the one that is on the cross. I can't even imagine the anguish Mary felt as she watched her son's suffering and agonizing death. She had been Jesus' mother and disciple all his life. What a painful, unbearable, gut-wrenching hour that must have been; like being at a loved one's deathbed during their last hours. Mary has much in common with loving parents that have had to watch their child, son or daughter, suffer and die. And yet she knew, as she stood at the foot of the cross, watching him hang in agony, that he died for the sins of the world.*

*Many of us have been there at one time or another, whether we sat with a parent, sibling, friend, or probably the most painful of all, a child, as we shared those final hours. I believe that only those who deeply love the one in pain have the courage to be at his/her side, which explains the presence of the five, particularly Jesus' own mother. I'm sure Jesus gave her the strength to bear her grief just as He is there for us at our darkest moments.*

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, March 7, 2022**

8:00 am HR Gordon &amp; Eileen Gaither (Daughter-Cindy)

**Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

8:00 am SJB Harry &amp; Stella Mikolajewski (Daughter-Terry &amp; Family)

**Thursday, March 10, 2022**

8:00 am HR Josephine Yezzi (Margaret Balter)

**Friday, March 11, 2022**

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

**Saturday, March 12, 2022**

4:00 pm HR Stanley Baginski (Family)

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**

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

10:30 am HR Sebastian Yezzi (Margaret Balter)

**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week in memory of Frank J. Smith, Jr. (Wife-Donna).

**The Bread and Wine** are donated today in memory of Frank J. Smith, Jr. (Wife-Donna).

**Readings Next Weekend****Second Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Phil 3:17—4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

**In Remembrance**

*Our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Richard 'Dick' Miller. May he rest in peace.*

**Family Perspective**

*Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?*

**Livestream Mass Schedule**

All 8 a.m. Masses at St. John's are livestreamed. Go to YouTube and search for *St. John the Baptist Holy Rosary Erie PA*

**Lector Schedule**

Mar 12 4:00 p.m. Bonnie Prokocki

Mar 13 8:00 a.m. Bill Dopierala

Mar 13 10:30 a.m. Lisa DiLuzio &amp; Cindy DeCoursey

**To request prayer or to join the people praying**

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

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

**Daylight Savings Time begins**

**Remember to move your clocks forward one hour before retiring on Saturday, March 12.** Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 a.m.

**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 20 - 10 a.m. FF Parents & Students morning prayer in the school cafeteria.
- March 27 - 2 p.m. First Communion Retreat - Students/Parents in the church and rehearsal. Only FF 3, 3A, 3B

**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, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist.**

**Mustard Seeds Meetings**

The St. John's/Holy Rosary Mustard Seed group reads and discusses the scripture readings for the upcoming week. It is a great way to prepare ourselves for Mass. We will meet at 1 p.m. in the St. John 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 meet again on **Thursday, March 10 & Thursday, March 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.

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

**Upcoming Mass and prayer commitments:**

Mar 7	Joanne Deiner
Mar 8	Julio Berarducci and Jim & Vinni Bartone
Mar 9	Jean Zimmer
Mar 10	Mary Ellen Lieb

**Special Thank You**

*Dear members of St. John's/Holy Rosary,*

*On behalf of the women, children, and staff of the Mercy Center for Women, we thank you for your generous gift giving at Christmastime. We are grateful to you for your generous gifting to the Mercy Center throughout 2021. Your Christmas kindness provided a beautiful season for our women and children. Thank you for believing in our mission and being instrumental in the lives of all those we serve.*

*Blessings,  
 Jennie Hagerty  
 Mercy Center for Women*

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