



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. John B. Jacquel, Pastor

Deacon Assistant Denis, Deacon Assistant Matthew & Deacon Francis

March 13, 2022 Second Sunday of Lent

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 (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

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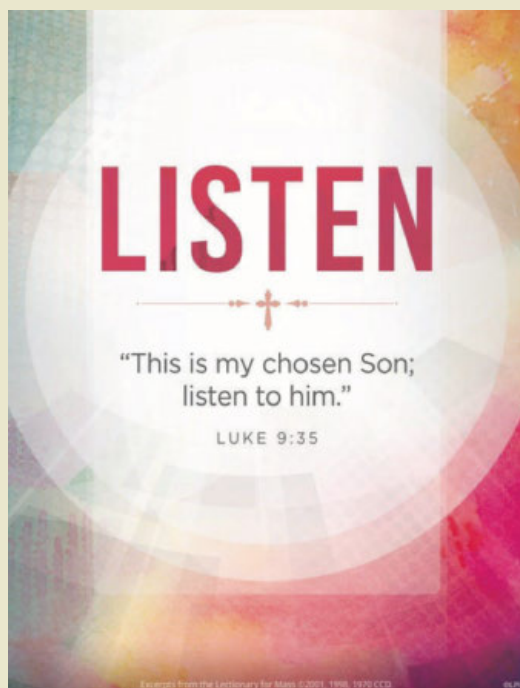
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ALL ARE WELCOME!





We Erie priests were gathered for Emmaus in June 1990 at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, NY, when the schedule for Tuesday morning and afternoon were abruptly changed. We would forego the morning talk from Bishop Murphy (he was called to be in Erie) and in the afternoon meet our new **Bishop, Donald W. Trautman** (whose belongings were already on that campus). Just days into his new diocesan assignment as Rector of the Seminary, he got new orders from Rome.

He came from "BUFF-low" (the two-syllable pronunciation of his hometown) and as priest-assistant to an Italian Bishop who sometimes dozed during sessions, a "voting member" of the Second Vatican Council, he often joked. He initiated the liturgical renewal in the Erie Diocese "Neither Strangers nor Spectators" and we had a massive Great Mass at the Gannon Hammermill Center where every parish from the diocese was represented. Cardinal Roger Mahoney (Archbishop of Los Angeles) presided and preached.

It was Bishop Trautman who kept after me to move from Edinboro to Erie – to St John's in 2009 and then to Holy Rosary the following year. I had many good experiences with this "Scripture Bishop."

When irritated, he would say, "This gets my German up!" He rarely stayed overnight outside of Erie, but I lived in the rectories when he did twice – both times in Clearfield County. I was grateful to have two road trips with him. One was in 1996 after Young People Who Care celebrated their 20th anniversary. He preached then, "When you're in love, you can do anything!" (referring to the sisters who led the efforts there) The other was a few years ago when Notre Dame Parish, Hermitage, was doing the show, "The Fire Within" (about Moses, after his bush episode). We enjoyed a delicious dinner with a court official in Sharpville, where he insisted on covering the bill, prior to the musical drama.

His talk on the Eucharist, given around the same time at St John's to cover the days when our parish retreat was postponed by a year, was truly memorable. He enjoyed coming and speaking, also.

In January or February of 2020, Fr Jim Gutting visited with Bishop Trautman, who had fallen and was in the nursing home at St Mary's Asbury Ridge. Fr Jim called me and said the Bishop was asking for *me*. I went to visit him – before the pandemic prevented this. I was touched that he thought of me.

Of course, we will always remember his valiant attempts to reform Scripture and Missal translations into English to incorporate inclusive language and reduce the esoteric expressions in the prayers. He clearly made those voices heard as chairman (twice) of the Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship and in numerous speeches and articles he gave. May he truly rest in peace and be taken up into the heavenly worship described so well in the Book of Revelation.

Fr. John

Lent 2022 - Stations of the Cross

The Fifth Station: Simon helps Jesus carry His cross.

By Alice Kendziora

As I started to reflect on the 5th Station of the Cross, I began to wonder who was Simon of Cyrene. I discovered that some speculated that Simon was of African descent (and therefore black) or was just born there and was of Greek, Roman, and Jewish descent and olive skinned. It's also said, that Simon was there for Passover with his 2 sons Alexander and Rufus.

Evidently, Simon was randomly picked from the crowd to help Jesus with the cross. Jesus was failing fast from the abuse and torture he received at the hands of the soldiers. Some say the soldiers were afraid Jesus would die on the way, instead of being crucified.

I now picture Simon in the crowd being seized by the soldiers to help Jesus. Oh, how scared he must of been, thinking what is going to happen to me at the end of this journey. Did he have compassion for Jesus or maybe guilt because of his part in the death of Jesus?

I know I've had my own personal crosses to bear and my family, friends and church community showed and gave me true compassion. I pray that I practice true compassion for others in works and deeds. I hope I can follow Simon's path of being a disciple of Jesus.

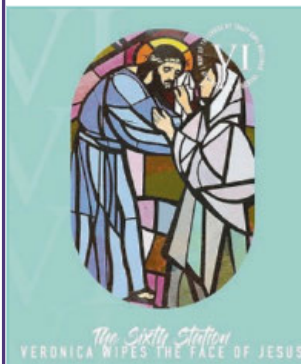
Simon is the patron Saint of Passersby, I think how often have I been a bystander, when I should have stopped to help someone or contribute by using some of the gifts God has given me.

The Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

By Lori Follett

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

"Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price, no amount can balance their worth." - Sirach 6:14-15(NABRE)



This Station means much to me because friends in my life are so important. Like Veronica wiping the face of Jesus, my friends seem to know just what I need in the moment. Small or big things, they are all seen. I have learned with friends, if it matters to me, it matters to them. Therefore, they teach me that my stuff is important, and I am loved by them and by God. And isn't that the kind of friend Jesus is? He cares about the details in my life, from the small tear in my eye to the big mountain I am setting out to climb.

"Thank you, God, for the friends in my life that know and help meet my needs. Help me to be an attentive caring friend to others. Amen."

Let us thank God for being our friend too. What can I do for my friend, Jesus, today? What do I need from Jesus? Do I trust Jesus will be there? Surely, he understands what it means to be a faithful friend and what a gift it is to have a treasured friend.

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." – John 13:34 (NABRE)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 14, 2022

8:00 am HR Ed Skopow (Carol & Tim Furman)

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

8:00 am SJB Lilles & Becker Families (Estate)

Thursday, March 17, 2022

8:00 am HR Darlene Kay Brock (Carl & Mary Poniatowski)

Friday, March 18, 2022

8:00 am SJB Ludwina Szymanski (Leonard & Rose Szymanski)

Saturday, March 19, 2022

4:00 pm HR Ruth & Edmund Bednarski
(Jim & Brenda Ballas & Family)

Sunday, March 20, 2022

8:00 am SJB Douglas Preston (Mom)

10:30 am HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Viola Lintelman (Rob & Gina Lintelman & Family).



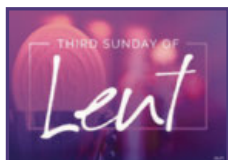
Readings Next Weekend

Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



In Remembrance

Our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Ken Hardner. May he rest in peace.

Family Perspective

Jesus "went up the mountain to pray" and he was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

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 19 4:00 p.m. Bob Zimmer
Mar 20 8:00 a.m. Joanne Deiner
Mar 20 10:30 a.m. Erin Eastman & Tom DiVecchio

Offertory Update

Holy Rosary January Offertory

Weekly 10,954
Loose 328
Online giving 57
Holy Days 206
Christmas 41
Total January Offertory: \$11,586

St. John the Baptist January Offertory

Weekly 6,360
Loose 93
Online giving 438
Holy Days 318
Christmas 125
Total January Offertory: \$7,334



February 15, 2022—Parish Council Meeting

A few notes from our last meeting to keep you informed of what's going on in our parishes. Your Council members for 2022 are as follows: Holy Rosary – Greg Baker, Dee Byrne, Alice Kendziora, Julie Sins, Nick Vicentini; St. John – Rachel Allburn, Marge Burbee, Denny Deiner, Bill Dopierala, Mike Forish. Ex-officios include Fr. John Jacquel, Deacon Denis Coan, Deacon Matthew Ochalek, Mary Hickin, Richard Marshall, and Bonnie Prokocki. Should you have any questions, comments, concerns, etc., at any time, please reach out to any one of us and we will discuss at our next meeting.

Our meetings begin with our Pastor's report. Some of those highlights are as follows: The first Synod listening sessions took place (one at SJB and one at HR) with another scheduled for February 9 (SJB) and February 17 (HR). The East Erie Deanery Pastoral Planning group met on February 10 to review the results of the survey some of you may have completed back in November. You will see the results of this survey in the very near future included with our bulletin. Changes need to be made and will be gradual as the number of priests and parishioners continues to decline in all of the churches throughout the diocese. Fr. John will be attending The Bishop's Vicariate Pastoral Planning meeting and will let us know how that goes. Catholic Services Appeal will be launched at all the weekend masses the last weekend in February. Lastly, the heating system at Holy Rosary has failed; the pipes under the church floor are 70 years old and in poor condition. A quote was received for a temporary fix in the amount of \$12,900. It is not fiscally responsible to spend that amount of money and still not have the problem fixed so we talked about transferring the weekend masses to SJB during this cold weather.

The finance representatives from both parishes (Richard Marshall – Holy Rosary, Bonnie Prokocki – St. John) gave their reports in which they stated that both parishes are doing better than budget.

Building and Grounds representatives are Joe Mattis – Holy Rosary, Deacon Denis – St. John. Nothing to report at SJB, and besides HR's heating issue, the rectory soffits and gutters, which were damaged by the inclement weather, will be replaced when the weather breaks.

Faith Formation/Welcoming and Belonging – Mary Hickin reported that along with the Easter Egg Tree this year we would also have a book drive, both benefiting Mercy Center for Women. You can pick an egg from the tree and make an Easter basket for a child at MCW and/or buy a book (titles and authors provided) for their "book nook". The Bible Study that was scheduled to begin in February was cancelled due to low interest. Beach and Bible will be back this summer. Other events such as the parish retreat may be reinstated if COVID-19 numbers continue to decline.

Dee Byrne was re-elected as President of Parish Council and Mike Forish will be Vice President.

The next meeting is April 12. Please feel free to contact any member with any concerns you may have and they will be addressed at our next meeting.

Submitted by Dee Byrne

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