



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. John B. Jacquel, Pastor

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March 20, 2022 Third 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

PARTNERED PARISH OFFICE

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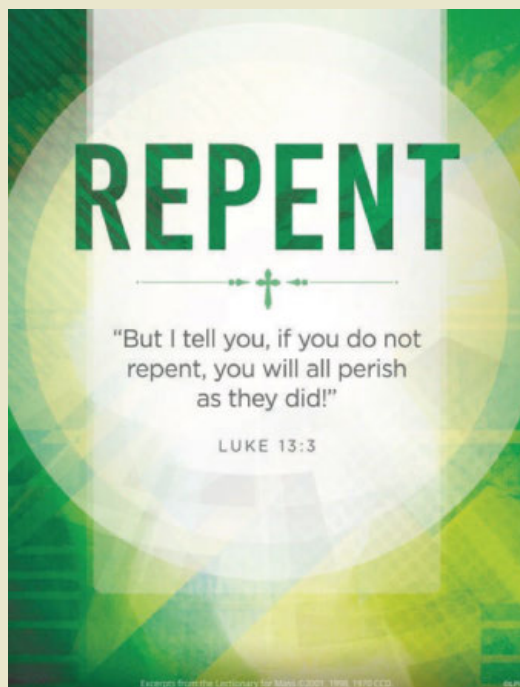
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FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:

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!





A couple of things are important to discuss and announce.

I received a request from the Sisters of Mercy back in January to publicize their **Catherine's Club Giving Circle**, named for the founder, Sr Catherine McAuley. This is a committee of women who disburse monies to relieve serious problems that affect women and girls today. They receive donations and distribute them according to the needs of applicants. They want to promote economic self-sufficiency and well being of both women and young girls. I had to dig a little deeper, but they are looking to both solicit funds and committee members. If interested, call Sr. Bernadette Bell, RSM at 814-824-3635 or write development@mercynypaw.org

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What is the best way to deal with the **war in Ukraine**? In the face of such evil, of course, we pray. Well, why isn't God answering? Why isn't there some way to stop the aggression? To such questions and to my own inner upset at this awful reality, I suggest we turn to the "classic prayers" – and revisit Psalms 13, 44, and 77. When I shared this with a parishioner, she suggested Psalm 37 as well.

"How long, O Lord, will you forget me? ... How long will my enemy triumph over me?" "Now you have rejected and disgraced us: you do not march out with our armies. You make us retreat before the foe; those who hate us plunder us at will." "My sorrow is this, the right hand of the Most High has abandoned us." "The wicked unsheathe their swords; they string their bows to fell the poor and the oppressed, to slaughter those whose way is upright."

"Awake! Why do you sleep, O Lord? Rise up! Do not reject us forever. Why do you hide your face; why forget our pain and misery? For our soul has been humiliated in the dust; our belly is pressed to the earth. Rise up, help us! Redeem us in your mercy!" (Psalm 44:24-27)

The psalms of lament were inspired to give us words to express our truest feelings. May God have mercy on us all.

Fr. John

Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's on March 23 & 30, and April 6 & 13.

The Way of Light: Wednesdays at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on April 20 & 27.

24 Hours for the Lord - has been cancelled this year.

The Light is ON for You: This is an opportunity to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's.**

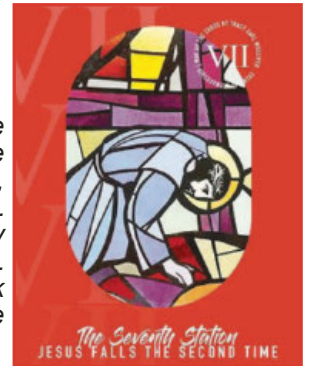
Book and Basket Tree: All Easter baskets and books should be returned to St. John's by Palm Sunday, April 10th. Please attach the tag to the basket or to the book.

Lent 2022 - Stations of the Cross

The Seventh Station: Jesus falls for the second time.

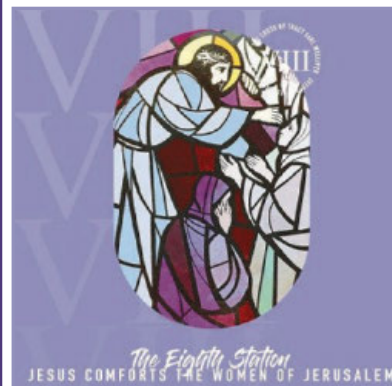
By Mimi Weiss

It is an uneven cobble stone road up the hill to Golgotha. The heavy timber jolts your bleeding, pain filled body with each step... and then your weakened body falls again...you are so alone... and you must fulfill your last task on earth...and so you struggle to your feet again.



Oh Jesus, it's our sins that you bear in the weight of your cross. As the pressures of life press down on us, or the pain and suffering of grief or illness weaken us, help us to remember your love and perseverance.

Remind us dear Lord that when we stumble and fail in a task, or feel abandoned in our misery that you are our strength. Your love is always with us. Help us to remember that the grace of your Holy Spirit is only a prayer away to help. You are our always present hand to help us back on our feet.



The Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

By Mary Margaret Skladanowski

When I am saying the Stations of the Cross, I try to put myself into the scene, walking along following Jesus. As He approaches the weeping women of Jerusalem, I see the blood dripping down His face from the crown of thorns. I see Him suffering unbearable pain from the weight of the cross. He sees the women weeping and stops to tell them not to cry for Him, but for themselves and their children. In His last hours on this earth and knowing that soon he will be nailed to the cross and die, He is cautioning them to change their lives so that their souls will be with Him in Heaven.

In this Station of the Cross, He shows his immense love for all of us. Even on the way to His death, He will never abandon us. He will always be with us to love, caution and guide, if we will only listen. He offers himself up for us so that we might have eternal life. When have we been too busy or too absorbed in our own suffering and pain that we have forgotten those children of God, our brothers, and sisters, who are weeping and in need of love, comfort and peace?

During Lent, you are invited to St. John's to experience the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. The next *Way of the Cross* is March 23. 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 21, 2022**

8:00 am HR Mary & Mario Palombi (Ron Palombi)

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

8:00 am SJB Cassius & Eleanor Cook (Family)

Thursday, March 24, 2022

8:00 am HR Annette Kruszewski (Karen Dodson)

Friday, March 25, 2022

8:00 am SJB Theodore & Veronica Archacki (Children)

Saturday, March 26, 2022

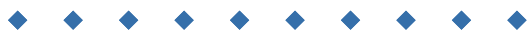
4:00 pm HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, March 27, 2022

8:00 am SJB Leona Auer (Estate)

10:30 am HR Allan Gerber (Rick & Dorothy Rutkowski)

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Regina Kowalski (Charlotte & Debbie).

[Readings Next Weekend](#)**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Jos 5:9a, 10-12

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

[In Remembrance](#)

Our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Suzanne Jones. May she rest in peace.

[Family Perspective](#)

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

[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 26	4:00 p.m.	Emily Artello
Mar 27	8:00 a.m.	Lori Follett
Mar 27	10:30 a.m.	Pat Fronzaglia & Melissa Hannah

[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:](#)

Mar 20	Pat Bielski
Mar 22	Carl & Mary Poniatowski
Mar 23	Joan Cerrona
Mar 25	Rochelle Vicentini

[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 27 - 2 p.m. First Communion Retreat - Students/ Parents in the church and rehearsal. Only FF 3, 3A, 3B

[Let your voice be heard](#)

If you were not able to attend one of the Synod Sessions held at St. John's and Holy Rosary, here's another opportunity to provide your input. Go to the link below. This link will take you to the synodal response form for people who were not able to attend the listening sessions. Go online to: <https://forms.office.com/r/6bR23f2ZqB>

[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, two Thursdays a month at 1 p.m. in the St. John Rectory Conference Room. The next meetings are: **March 24 & April 28**. If you would like to join this group, please contact Mary Margaret Skladanowski at 814-520-8903.

[Prayer Shawl Ministry Meetings](#)

The March 24th meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry of Holy Rosary and St. John's has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is on **Thursday, April 28 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.

[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)

[Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments](#)

Pledge to Heal: The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. We provide counseling assistance for individuals and family members of those who have been the victims of child sexual abuse. Counseling assistance can be obtained by contacting Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 814-451-1521.

The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims/survivors or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling 814-451-1543.

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