



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

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

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

April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday

**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**

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)

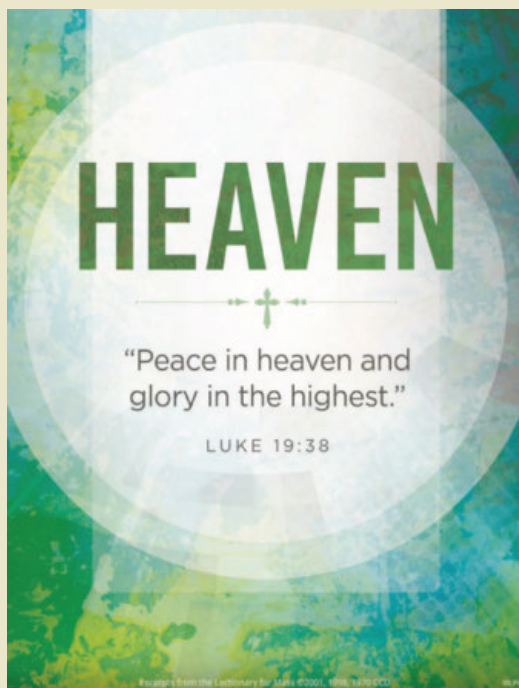
**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.**  
Office **CLOSED** Fridays

### **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!**





"Begin with the end in mind." That phrase was from Steven Covey's book, *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* (1989), which many of us read.

The Good News has been composed by several authors – four of which have been universally accepted by the community of believers, the Church: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Each of these contains a profound re-telling of the arrest, trial, torture, and death of our savior, Jesus Christ. They also each include accounts of his resurrection (more on this next week).

Each Gospel could be said to have been composed with this essential Passion likely written down first – before the other parts. Then, other episodes of Jesus ministry leading up to it were conveyed in unique, sometimes correlated, fashion. They began to write with the end in mind. And we know that hindsight is 20-20.

We hear John's Passion proclaimed on Good Friday each year, and one of the Synoptic accounts (Matthew, Mark, or Luke) proclaimed on Passion Sunday in the three-year cycle. This is also true of the primary Easter Mass – the Easter Vigil – while the Easter Sunday account of the resurrection is always from John.

There are unique testimonies in each account. For example, Mark indicates a unanimous decision of the Sanhedrin on the death sentence, whereas Luke emphasizes Jesus healing the injured slave (whose ear was severed), Pilate and Herod's estrangement, Peter's denial, and even a prayer of pardon and forgiveness for the executioners. John seems to indicate that Pilate, not Jesus, is on trial, while Matthew includes a particularly anti-Semitic bent to the crowd's condemnation of Jesus. There are other unique elements, as well.

But what *is* in common is that the Romans, egged on by Jewish religious authorities, put Jesus to death in a most horrific, scandalous, and ruthless manner. But no matter – God shows who is the real Master, not by destroying, but by creating and, in this case, restoring, raising, and transforming. And, thus, bringing Good News!

So, let us receive these accounts of Jesus' passion as they were intended – with the end in mind.

**Fr. John**

### Holy Week

**Palm Sunday:** April 9 - 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Johns

**Palm Sunday:** April 10 - 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's and 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John's (Return Easter baskets & books)

**Holy Thursday:** April 14 - 7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Vigil until 10 p.m. in the Sacristy) at St. John's

**Good Friday:** April 15 - Stations at Noon at St. John's and 3 p.m. Liturgy at St. John's - Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

**Holy Saturday:** April 16 - 2 p.m. Blessing of Food at St. John's and Holy Rosary

**Easter Vigil:** April 16 - 8:30 p.m. at St. John's

**Easter:** April 17 - 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's and 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary

### Lent 2022 - Stations of the Cross

#### **The Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the cross.**

By Anna Kirk

*What strikes me about this station is the overwhelming sense of devastation. I always have a sense of quiet, soberness and coldness. The soldiers take Jesus' body down from the cross. He doesn't look like their beloved Jesus. He is bloody from the crown of thorns. His skin was ripped to shreds from being scourged and from falling three times under the weight of the cross. How horrible for Mary to see her son in such a state. His followers who had been with him, are filled with grief.*

*When we come to this point, we know that his followers will gently clean his body as best they can and wrap him in clean cloths preparing him for burial. At this moment there is such a feeling of darkness and despair. Mary and the followers of Jesus prepare themselves to never see him again. They don't understand what Jesus' selfless act of love will do for the world. We have the luxury of knowing that in three days Jesus will be resurrected from the dead. For the Blessed Mother and Jesus's followers this is the worst day of their lives.*

#### **The Fourteenth Station: Jesus' mother and friends lay his body in the tomb.**

By Julie Sins

*A rich man, Joseph of Arimathea, a secret follower of Jesus ensured the body of Jesus was buried respectfully by giving him his new tomb.*

*Crucified as a criminal, Jesus' body was disgraced on the cross. Now his body is honored and remembered. In Jesus' days, not only was a criminal forbidden to be buried in a place of honor, but no public mourning was permitted.*

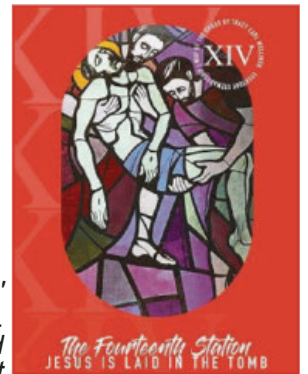
*Nevertheless, a righteous man named Joseph spoke on Jesus' behalf so that his dead body did not remain upon the cross all night. Jesus was buried by his mother and friends the same day in a family tomb. Here we see how precious Jesus' body is to his friends. Living in the same friendship, Jesus' body is also precious to us, and we are humbled that he made us worthy to remember him in the most perfect way through the mass.*

*Reflecting on The Fourteenth Station I sense the sacredness of the human body. I'm drawn closer to creation scripture when God first loved us. Being wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God, I cherish the human body as a beautiful gift with or without a heartbeat. I see humanity renewed each time someone remembers, loves, and treats another person with dignity and charity.*

**Living in faith and hope of the resurrection, may we be a gift to others and receive others as a gift. Amen.**

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

The next **Stations of the Cross** is **April 13 at 6:30 p.m.** at St. John's.





Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, April 11, 2022**

8:00 am HR Alice Del Porto (Margaret Balter)

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022**

8:00 am SJB Johnny Mikolajewski (Stella Mikolajewski & Family)

**Thursday, April 14, 2022 - Holy Thursday**

7:00 pm SJB For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Friday, April 15, 2022 - Good Friday**

12:00 pm SJB Stations

3:00 pm SJB Liturgy - Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion

**Saturday, April 16, 2022 - Holy Saturday**

2:00 pm Blessing of Food at St. John's & Holy Rosary

8:30 pm SJB Easter Vigil - For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Sunday, April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday**

8:00 am SJB Richard Kraus (Allene Kraus)

10:30 am HR Leonard Wroblewski & Susan Horvat (Horvat Family)

**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week in memory of Susan Horvat (Family).

**The Bread and Wine** are donated today in memory of the Zill Family (Sue Zill).



Readings Next Weekend

**Easter Sunday**

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9



Family Perspective

Today Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

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

- Apr 14 7:00 p.m. Pat Fronzaglia & Bonnie Prokocki
- Apr 15 3:00 p.m. Tom DiVecchio & Denny Deiner
- Apr 16 8:30 p.m. Joanne Deiner, Denny Deiner, Lori Follett, Bill Dopierala & Bonnie Prokocki
- Apr 17 8:00 a.m. Rachel Allburn
- Apr 17 10:30 a.m. Kay Kitch & Cathy Lojewski

Child Abuse Prevention Month

**Be Vigilant-** It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. When we witness inappropriate behavior, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. If you have questions, contact Cindy Zemcik at the Protection of Children & Youth Office - Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.

Faith Formation at St. Luke

At St. Luke/Director: Sr. Carmen Maldonado 825-6920 Ext 237  
**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** /Director: Mary Hickin 920-7525

April 24 - 10 a.m. Parent meeting

Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour is on **Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist.** This is the last Holy Hour until September.

Vocation Chalice Program

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. Help vocations grow. Contact Allene Kraus at 814-825-3501 or Julie Sins at 814-384-1412 or [juliesins@aol.com](mailto:juliesins@aol.com)

To request prayer or to join the people praying

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

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

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:

- Apr 10 Mary Ellen Lieb
- Apr 11 Mary Tighe
- Apr 12 Kay Kitch & Sue Doss
- Apr 13 Allene Kraus
- Apr 14 Jane Wagner
- Apr 15 Joan Fye

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Despite constant hardship and struggles to survive, the Church in the Holy Land continues. Christians continue to live their faith amidst war and persecution. Catholics throughout the world generously support the Holy Land through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. This year the Collection will be on April 15th. Through your generosity, Christians in the Holy Land maintain a presence at the various holy places of Jesus' life and death, such as Bethlehem, Bethany, the Mount of Olives, and Calvary; parishes, schools and homes for orphans are supported; and men are formed for the priesthood.

As our diocesan family prepares to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, I encourage you to participate in the events of Holy Week. Know that you are in my prayer. Please know also of my gratitude for your generous response on behalf of the Christians of the Holy Land. May the Lord bless you abundantly this Holy Week, this Easter, and beyond.



Sincerely yours in Christ,  
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

CARL A  
**Slomski**  
& Son  
FUNERAL HOME, INC.  
2101 Ash St. 454-2613  
PHILIP A. SLOMSKI, SUPV.

**BRUGGER** Pine Avenue Branch  
845 East 38th St. • 825-2500  
Affordable Funeral Services • Preplanning  
On Site Cremation Tribute Center  
Austin J. Brugger, Supervisor  
[bruggerfuneralhomes.com](http://bruggerfuneralhomes.com)

**BRIDGESTONE** *Mustcraft*  
**KERR'S**  
TIRE  
KORNER  
163 East 10th Street  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16501  
MARTY KERR  
814/453-4488

**RUSSELL C. SCHMIDT & SON**  
FUNERAL HOME, INC.  
Dennis D. Schmidt-President, Supervisor  
Pre-Arrangements Available  
5000 Wattsburg Road • Erie, PA 16504  
(814) 824-5000  
[www.SchmidtFuneralHomeErie.com](http://www.SchmidtFuneralHomeErie.com)

**HAGAN**  
BUSINESS MACHINES  
COPY • FAX • PRINT • SCAN • POSTAGE • MAILING  
DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS  
"THE SERVICE LEADER"  
814-456-7521

**DUSCKAS**  
Funeral Home and  
Cremation Services, Inc.  
Main Office | 2607 Buffalo Road  
814.899.7656  
Nancy E. Dusckas, FD, Supervisor  
[www.dusckasfuneralhome.com](http://www.dusckasfuneralhome.com)



**SPRINGHILL SUITES®**  
MARRIOTT  
2087 Interchange Road,  
Erie, PA 16509  
814-864-5000  
[www.marriott.com/erish](http://www.marriott.com/erish)

**JOHNSTON'S**  
EVERGREEN NURSERY  
"Rooted in Family Since 1953"  
Garden Center  
10000 Wales Road  
Erie, PA 16510  
814-739-2820  
PASSION ~ INTEGRITY ~ SERVICE



**FRANK PREGLER, D.O.**  
Board Certified in  
Family Practice & Geriatrics  
3710 Pine Avenue  
454-5886

**EHCA**  
Erie Homes For Children & Adults  
NOW HIRING! CAREGIVERS & NURSES  
Caregivers \$14.50 - \$16.50 / hour  
• 18 Years of Age or Older  
• Current, Valid Driver's License  
• High School Diploma / GED  
LPN'S \$20 / hour minimum  
RN'S \$25 / hour minimum  
Pay Based on Experience  
APPLY ONLINE: [www.EHCAJobs.com](http://www.EHCAJobs.com) EOE

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust  
• Burglary • Flood Detection  
• Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide  
ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets  
1-855-225-4251

# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



Place Your Ad Here and  
Support our Parish!  
Instantly create and  
purchase an ad with  
**AD CREATOR STUDIO**  
  
4lpi.com/adcreator



**GROW YOUR BUSINESS**  
BY PLACING  
AN AD HERE!  
**CONTACT US!**  
Contact Richard Brogna  
to place an ad today!  
[rbrogna@4LPi.com](mailto:rbrogna@4LPi.com)  
or (848) 225-5120



**WE'RE HIRING**  
AD SALES EXECUTIVES  
BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.  
WORK WITH PURPOSE.  
• Work-Life Balance • Paid Training  
• Full-Time with Benefits • Some Travel  
• Serve Your Community  
  
Contact us at [careers@4lpi.com](mailto:careers@4lpi.com)  
[www.4lpi.com/careers](http://www.4lpi.com/careers)

**NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !**  
Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin  
emailed to you at [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)  