



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. John B. Jacquell, Pastor

Deacon Assistant Denis, Deacon Assistant Matthew & Deacon Francis

April 24, 2022 Second Sunday of Easter

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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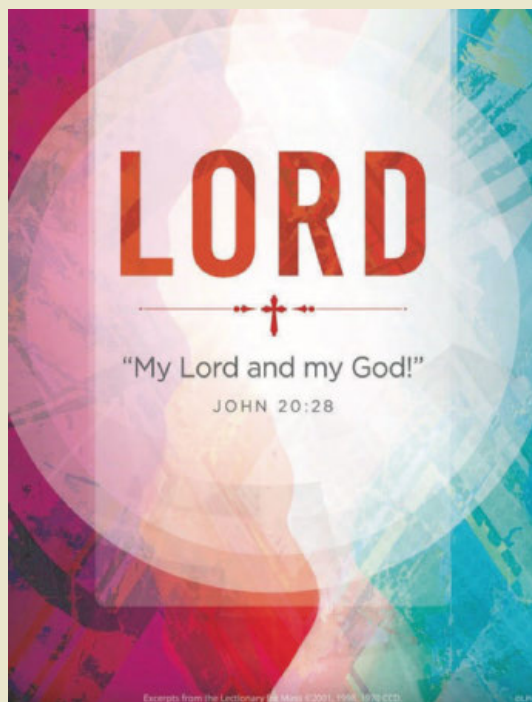
OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
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FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:

St. Luke FF Director: Sister Carmen Maldonado, SSC
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ALL ARE WELCOME!





Just so you know, we (Diocese of Erie parishes) are moving forward with a new approach to middle school and high school youth. As I described two months ago, and as it has been approved by the Priest Council and under the

leadership of Bishop Persico, Confirmation will, going forward, be celebrated in 9th grade instead of 11th. It will take us two years to get to that.

Instead of continuing with classroom-type education, as we do with elementary students, we will move to a Pre-Confirmation three-year process utilizing the Edge program. This is very different from what we've used in the past. It involves adults in facilitator roles – helping to guide small groups of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students into participation and discussion groups. There is training involved, but not so much in doctrine as group dynamics. A wider circle of adults can help our students catch and pursue what our faith is about, rather than have them passively receiving instruction. Essentially, it's a middle-school youth ministry program.

In 9th grade, the focus shifts to Confirmation preparation primarily. This will look like Edge, but now we prepare for a sacramental encounter with the Holy Spirit. It includes follow-up so that students will not “graduate” but rather now explore what their lives can be like now that they've been sealed with God's Spirit.

Then, in 10th & 11th grades, students will enter a mentoring relationship with parish adults whereby more ministry and service opportunities will be available and can be reflected upon as well. These will include a generous dose of fun and social activities – for friendship with fellow Catholics is a treasure. 10th grade will focus more on small group activities with one or two adult leaders, while 11th will be more one-on-one with a sponsor or some other parishioner(s). Then, in 12th grade, the student will become a full-fledged missionary with some ministry either in the parish or beyond and quarterly gatherings that will be more retreat-like.

Since many of the older faith formation formats are seeing 20% or less young people engaging in church, these new approaches have already shown dramatic results in engaging our youth and integrating them into parish life. That changes the parish, as you would expect – and that means we grow and develop according to God's plan, for these young people are God's children, also.

For more information, go to www.eriecd.org/faithformation/ffprocess.html to get the whole scoop. There are short videos and information explaining the whole new process. I think it will be exciting.

Fr. John

[Staff of St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary](#)

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[Cheer-up program delivers cheer and more](#)

Members of St. John's & Holy Rosary who are not able to get out as often as they use to or who are at home for a period of time have received special flower bouquets created by members of both churches.



Bonnie Prokocki, her granddaughter Abby Koca, Alice Kendziora and many others in the “Soul Sisters” group make this ministry, known as the “cheer up” program, happen.

“We began a Health Ministry Program several years ago focusing on holistic parish events and the “cheer up” program is just one of the many activities that grew from this program,” says Bonnie.

The COVID pandemic put this ministry on hold for two years. Now it is picking up again. At both St. John's and Holy Rosary, after Mass you will likely see a table with paper flowers. That's when you get to participate in the “cheer up” program.

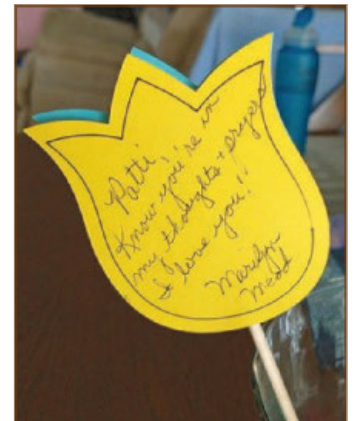
“When someone becomes homebound for a period of time, parishioners can share their ‘well wishes’ by writing a note on a flower to this person letting them know they are being thought of and in our prayers,” says Bonnie. “The flowers become a bouquet of “cheer ups”. The person sending the note and the person receiving are connected through this simple act.”

“We have heard people say I pick a flower every day and know I have connected to my parish family,” says Bonnie.

Recently, Patti Mattis received a ‘cheer up’ bouquet. For Patti, receiving this gift when she did was particularly relevant and meaningful. Her message to all well-wishers is below.

**Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you!**

That was my thought when Bonnie Prokocki and Alice Kendziora visited and presented me with a wonderful get-well bouquet. The home-made artificial flowers contained precious thoughts written by parishioners from both Holy Rosary and St. John's. I had signed some of these flowers for others in the past, but never knew how much they meant to the person that received them. Coping with Parkinson's Disease is not easy, but receiving that bouquet was a real lift-me-up at a time when I needed it. Each morning I read one flower to brighten my day.



That bouquet is becoming a great memory that I will cherish forever because those flowers will never wilt.

Patti Mattis

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 25, 2022

8:00 am HR Ron Kujawinski (Charlotte & Debbie)

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

8:00 am SJB Payton Madura (Family)

Thursday, April 28, 2022

8:00 am HR Carol Mallozzi (Tom & Sheri Noyer)

Friday, April 29, 2022

8:00 am SJB Gambill Family (Steve Sensor)

Saturday, April 30, 2022

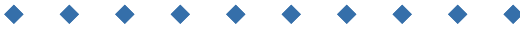
4:00 pm SJB Jack Dobrzynski (Barb)

Sunday, May 1, 2022

8:00 am SJB Carl Nagorski (Mimi Weiss)

10:30 am HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Allan Gerber (Deacon Denis & Mary Coan).



Readings Next Weekend

3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

2nd Reading: Rv 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19



Family Perspective

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

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 30 4:00 p.m.
May 1 8:00 a.m.
May 1 10:30 a.m.

To request prayer or to join the people praying

HR: Jean Zimmer at 814-746-9396 or Bob Zimmer at robertzimmer379@gmail.com

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

Offertory Update

Holy Rosary February Offertory

Weekly 9,695
Loose 309
Online giving 57
Holy Days 15
Total February Offertory: \$10,076

St. John the Baptist February Offertory

Weekly 5,752
Loose 95
Online giving 648
Holy Days 15
Total February Offertory: \$6,510

Faith Formation at St. Luke

At St. Luke/Director: Sr. Carmen Maldonado 825-6920 Ext 237

ADULT FAITH FORMATION /Director: Mary Hickin 920-7525

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.

Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council is **Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist - Pastor's Hall.**

Baptismal preparation class

Those who are planning a baptism, need to attend a Baptism preparation class. The next class is Tuesday, **May 3 at 7 p.m. at St. Boniface Church.** To register call the St. Boniface Church office 814-825-4439.

Mustard Seeds Meetings

The St. John's/Holy Rosary Mustard Seed group reads and discusses the scripture readings for the upcoming week. The next meeting is **Thursday, April 28 at 1 p.m.** in the St. John Rectory Conference Room. 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 meets again on **April 28 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:

Apr 25 Rochelle Vicentini
Apr 26 Cindy DeCoursey
Apr 27 Mary Tighe
Apr 30 Morgan & Erin Eastman

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. **Mandated Reporters** in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

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