



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. John B. Jacquel, Pastor

Deacon Assistant Denis, Deacon Assistant Matthew & Deacon Francis

May 1, 2022 Third 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

PARTNERED PARISH OFFICE

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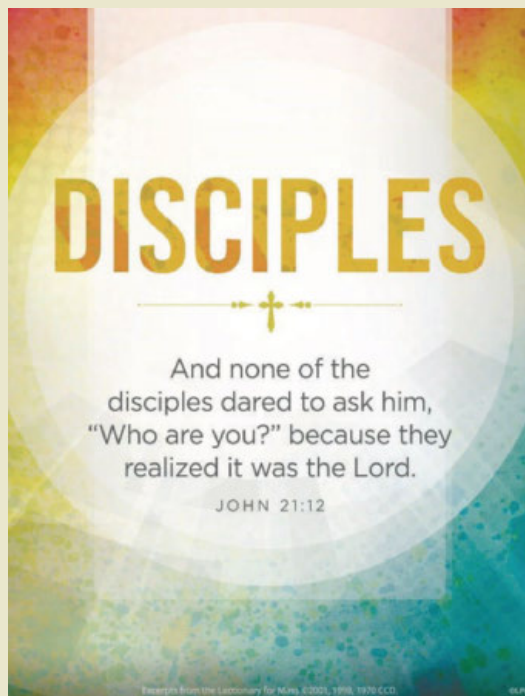
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FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:

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





The week after Easter (two weeks ago), I headed out to Mount Saviour Monastery (which is in the hills south of Corning, NY). It was time for **retreat** – I surely needed it and it had the desired effect.

Every year, each deacon and priest is expected to take an extended (four or five day) retreat in order to step aside from the usual demands and let the Lord work on our souls. It involves rest, prayer, and quiet. It may include some spiritual talks given by a leader (we have such scheduled retreats usually in the fall), but it may be directed (as by meeting a spiritual director briefly each day and discussing the movement of the Holy Spirit within) or some enriching reading. It often involves some form of exercise – for me, that's walking. One place, Villa Maria Conference Center, has a swimming pool.

I often take a spring retreat at a monastery and a fall retreat with fellow priests. This year, the latter is ruled out due to a trip I'll be making, so this one "counts" for my annual retreat. Last year, I took five days at Bethany Retreat Center, Frenchville, in January – they had made special provisions to receive retreatants during the COVID pandemic, which the monasteries did not until recently. So, I was really missing the golden opportunities I'd had before. Also, this was good after the intensity of Holy Week and my nephew's death the days prior. I feel as if I have gotten "back on track."

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THIS weekend, I'm at Women's Cursillo #258, being hosted by Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Harborcreek. As of today, we have 15 candidates, and being a part of the team has always been a blessing in my life. I encourage people to attend a weekend, even if they already are spiritually charged up, so they have the amazing experience of working one. This is my 28th team!

For those who don't know, **Cursillo** (or Koinonia or Kairos) is a multi-day experience (I wouldn't call it a retreat) where we review the basics of the faith through talks given by lay people and clergy, and live through a dynamic community in order to make a plan for future faith growth. If we take our relationship with Christ seriously, then it means we should be intentional about our lives, our time, our priorities – and this helps greatly.

Due to COVID-19, the weekend has been re-thought. Instead of arriving on Thursday evening and taking more time in silence, candidates now arrive early Friday morning and leave on Sunday afternoon. For many, it still means taking a day off work (Friday), but those who come have never regretted it. It is a most engaging three days you'll probably ever experience, and there's a plan for "take home," so to preserve the enthusiasm (and perhaps even grow it more!). Many men and women experience this, as well.

Why not give it a try? Questions? Feel free to contact Rick Skladanowski (814) 520-8903. Or check out: www.eriecursillo.org Or, ask me.

Fr. John

Faith Share

Periodically, you'll hear from various sources in this new column called "Faith Share." This is an open invitation and an opportunity to 'share the faith.' If you have something to share about your faith journey, perhaps a special prayer or scripture reflection, this is an opportunity to do so.

This share comes from Eileen Kraft, a member of Holy Rosary.

Lord,

Sometimes life is hard to understand. We wonder what God has planned for our life. Sometimes he feels so far a war but that is when he is the closest. Spring coming is so beautiful. Hearing the birds brings me tranquility. Knowing my creator created all of the world inspires by heart.

Lent is one of my favorite times of the year. I love to think about Jesus and all of his teachings and grateful that he gave his life for the world. He is the great peace keeper. Every word he ever said is truth. "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light" he said. That life is the Holy Spirit in us. It gives us the strength through hardship. We will not be defeated by sin.

There is so much goodness in the world that we forget about it because of all of the evil. There are so many good people. It is up to us to pray for those who need the most mercy and we ask for mercy for ourselves.

Thank you Jesus for the gift of life.

- Eileen Kraft

Good Shepherd Collection

This weekend all parishes in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired Diocesan priests. This special collection will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplementary assistance for expenses. As the number of retired priests increases, the Priest Retirement Plan will need to be adequately funded to meet their future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priests who have served faithfully and serve now as a "thank you" for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations.

Mother's Day Carnation Project



Once again St. John's & Holy Rosary will be selling Carnations for Mother's Day for the People for Life. **They will be sold the weekend of May 7-8 at all Masses.** Carnations are \$2 each or six for \$10. Proceeds support pro-life educational projects in NW Pennsylvania.

The Mother's Day Carnation Project is an annual event that began in the 1970s. Intended to help make Mom's day just a little more special, it is also the most important fundraiser of the year for People for Life. Questions? Contact Sandy Hodas or any member of the Knights of Columbus.

[Mass Intentions for the Week](#)**Monday, May 2, 2022**

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

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

8:00 am SJB Fran Hofmann (Family)

Thursday, May 5, 2022

8:00 am HR Rose & Theresa Palombi (Bill Rozenek)

Friday, May 6, 2022

8:00 am SJB Dick Miller (Dobrzynski Family)

Saturday, May 7, 2022

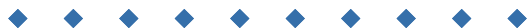
4:00 pm SJB For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, May 8, 2022

8:00 am SJB Maryann Lugin (Rene Filipowski & Family)

10:30 am HR Chester Wozniak (Chet & Karen Wozniak)

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Eric Keefe (Debbie).

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

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

2nd Reading: Rev 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

[In Remembrance](#)

Our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Peter Jacquel. May he rest in peace.

[Family Perspective](#)

Jesus invited the disciples to "come and have breakfast." Like the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us at this beach breakfast that meals are more than about eating. They are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, and support one another in love.

[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](#)

May 7 4:00 p.m. Bonnie Prokocki

May 8 8:00 a.m. Lori Follett

May 8 10:30 a.m. Lisa DiLuzio & Kay Kitch

[Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)

Bullying: The Centers for Disease Control and Department of Education report 20% of students aged 12-18 experience bullying nationwide. 19% of students in grades 9-12 report being bullied on school property. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that it is not acceptable. Parents should educate themselves on the signs that a child has been bullied or is a bully. They should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit www.stopbullying.gov For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

[Faith Formation at St. Luke](#)

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

[Healing Mass](#)

The Son of God Prayer Group is holding a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.** at Holy Rosary.

[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.

[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. Meetings this month: **May 12 & May 26 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 encourage you to join this group if you like to knit or crochet. Meetings this month: **May 12 & May 26 at 6:30 p.m.** in Pastor's Hall at St. John the Baptist Church.

[Soul Sisters Spring Luncheon](#)

Join the Soul Sisters for a Spring Luncheon on **Sunday, May 22, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** at St. John's Pastors' Hall. Cost is \$7.00 per person in advance. Tickets available at both St. John's & Holy Rosary May 7 & 8 and May 14 & 15. For tickets or questions, please contact Mary Margaret Skladanowski at 814-812-9319 or Bonnie Prokocki at 814-450-3000.

[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 814-825-3501 or Lois Reiser at 814-459-3373

[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.

[Upcoming Mass and prayer commitments:](#)

May 1	Paul Gostomski & Lori Follett
May 2	Tricia Balinski
May 3	Jen Baker & Charlotte Kujawinski
May 4	Denny Deiner
May 5	Denny Deiner
May 6	Mimi Weiss
May 7	Joanne Deiner

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