



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

**Rev. John B. Jacquel, Pastor**

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

May 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter

**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**

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**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!**





Who is **Charles de Foucauld** and why am I traveling to Rome for his canonization? This Frenchman was born in 1858 in a prestigious family. Having lost parents and grandparents by age 6, he was an orphan, but a wealthy man. After graduating near the very bottom of his class

from the military academy, he went on to serve as an Army officer and was finally dishonorably discharged for gambling, drinking, womanizing, and bringing disgrace to his unit in Northern Africa. Humiliated, he decided to “go for broke,” by exploring those regions of the Sahara, disguised as a rabbi. If he had been caught a Christian, he would have likely been killed. He submitted his findings to the French Geographic Society and won the gold medal.

But it did not satisfy him. At age 28, he sought out a priest he knew for spiritual direction in his radical “conversion” experience and reconciliation. He toured the Holy Land, sought the lowest place and so joined the Trappists, first in France, and then in a poor abbey in Syria. But they weren’t ascetic enough. He gave away much of his wealth and became a gardener in a Franciscan Sisters’ cloistered convent in Nazareth. Praying and memorizing the gospels, he returned to France at his director’s call to complete his studies for ordination he had begun as a Trappist.

Ordained as a diocesan priest at age 42, but for exclusively missionary duties, he openly returned to the Northern Sahara to minister to the people but assisted for a while as a military chaplain. He then went far into the wilderness five years later to Tamanrasset among the Tuoreg people. He was finally accepted by them, provided to hospitality to travelers, and prayed intensely. He rarely celebrated Eucharist (at the time, private Masses were forbidden) unless someone visited, or when he paid an Arab boy to serve. He envisioned a community of men and women (Little Brothers / Little Sisters of Jesus), but his rule was far too strict to be attractive. An insurgency erupted, and some young men looking for weapons came upon him and inadvertently killed him on Dec 1, 1916.

He was almost completely unknown, but for a few who picked up his amazing writings, re-imagined the communities that were eventually founded, and then adapted also for diocesan priests – into Jesus Caritas priest fraternities, of which I have been a part since my ordination in 1983. I never imagined that he would be considered for sainthood, due to his very checkered past. But the Jesus Caritas priests in France organized a set of “statutes” (to get official Church recognition) and others worked for his beatification – which occurred in 2005. He will be proclaimed a “Saint” next Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, in St Peter Square, by Pope Francis. I plan to be there.

*Fr. John*

### [Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments](#)

**Bullying:** The Centers for Disease Control and Department of Education report 20% of students aged 12-18 experience bullying nationwide. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that it is not acceptable. 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 visit [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov)

## [Celebrating Mother’s Day](#)

### **A Mother’s Day Prayer**

I said a Mother’s Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring you’ve shown me through the years, for the closeness we’ve enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart for all you’ve done for me and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be! - *Author Unknown*



### **Mother’s Prayer**

Sleep well, Dearest Mother.  
For you have served us with your hands,  
And loved us with your heart,  
And we shall be surrounded  
By your goodness for the rest of our days.  
Sleep in peace, Dearest Mother - *Author Unknown*  
(Submitted by Sandy Hodas)

### **“Most Gracious Heavenly Father,**

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child’s first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children.

Assist all “spiritual mothers”, those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others — of every age and state in life.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love.

May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come. We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.”

– *Prayer from MothersDayCelebration.com*

[Mass Intentions for the Week](#)**Monday, May 9, 2022**

8:00 am HR Ron, Jeff &amp; Tim Kujawinski (Stephen &amp; Nadine Laufer)

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

8:00 am SJB Ken &amp; Kay Hardner (Tim &amp; Cheryl Maloney)

**Thursday, May 12, 2022**

8:00 am HR Joseph Ricci (Margaret Balter)

**Friday, May 13, 2022**

8:00 am SJB Donald Kownacki (Family)

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

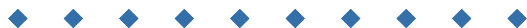
4:00 pm SJB Ray &amp; Peggy Fitzgerald (Terry Conaway &amp; Family)

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

8:00 am SJB For all Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners

10:30 am HR Allan Gerber (Janet &amp; Ed Grunzel)

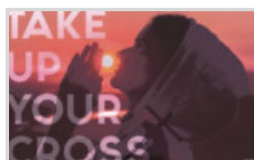
**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week in memory of Carol Machinski (Sue Zill & Carmeline Coverdale).

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

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

2nd Reading: Rev 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

[Family Perspective](#)

*Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?*

[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 14 4:00 p.m. Rob Kocur

May 15 8:00 a.m. Joanne Deiner

May 15 10:30 a.m. Pat Fronzaglia &amp; Tom DiVecchio

[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.**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

**The Collection for International Needs** will be taken up in the Diocese of Erie the weekend of **May 14 & 15.** This collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Catholic Relief Services and the Church in Africa.

*This collection helps those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine, children who go to bed hungry and who cannot attend school, and immigrants and refugees seeking freedom and hope. I ask you to please give generously to the Collection for International Needs on May 14-15. Be assured of my prayers for you, your families and your parishes.*

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

[Faith Formation at St. Luke](#)

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

[Baptismal preparation class](#)

Those who are planning a baptism, need to attend a Baptism preparation class. The next class is **Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m. at the Holy Rosary rectory.** To register call the church office 814-456-4254.

[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.

[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. 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.

[A Tribute to Woodstock](#)

*Inspire* presents A Woodstock Tribute 2022 at the MIHS Little Theater on May 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Mary Hoffman and Mary Ellen Lieb created *Inspire* to engage developmentally disabled adults in some fun and creativity. You are invited to attend and to encourage these folks. There's no cost, instead a free will offering will be taken. Those proceeds provide this group with a theatrical outing.

[A Special Thank You](#)

*A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal. You have joined together with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Erie to share your blessings to help advance the mission of the Church. I am grateful!*

*If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked "CSA" in the collection basket or turn it in at the church office.*



*John B. Jaquith*



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