

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

**Rev. David Baetzold, Pastor**

*Deacon Assistant Denis Coan, Deacon Assistant Matthew Ochalek  
& Deacon Francis Lombardo*

**January 8, 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord**

### 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** AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (Holy Rosary)

#### **SUNDAY MORNING MASS**

**8:00 AM** at St. John the Baptist

**10:30 AM** at St. John the Baptist (Holy Rosary)

#### **WEEKDAYS**

**8:00 AM** Tues & Thurs at St. John's (Holy Rosary)

**8:00 AM** Wed & Fri at St. John the Baptist

**CONFESSIONS: 2:30-3:30 PM** Saturday at St. John the Baptist or by appointment

*All Holy Rosary Masses are at St. John's until further notice.*



#### **PARTNERED PARISH OFFICE**

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

Office **CLOSED** Fridays

#### **FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:**

Faith Formation @ St. Luke: 814-825-6920

Adult FF Director: Mary Hickin 814-392-6162

**PARTNERED PARISH WEBSITE:** [stjohn-holyrosary-erie.org/](http://stjohn-holyrosary-erie.org/)

**All are welcome! / ¡ Todos son bienvenidos aquí!**



We are the "Soul Sisters"

**Bonnie Prokocki:**

Several years ago, Mary Margaret Skladanowski and I were talking about the loss of women getting together from our parishes. With the school being closed and our aging parishioners, there was no longer a PTA or a group willing to maintain organizations such as the Catholic Women's Society. We wanted to find a way to have women get together without the pressure of formal meetings or fundraisers and yes have some time to do what we do best .... Socialize!

We wanted to keep it simple, create an environment of hospitality, encourage open discussion and information flow about both parishes, and last but not least, time to be together."

The Soul Sister Luncheons were suspended during COVID and this past Spring we started up again.

**Mary Margaret Skladanowski:**

We love to get together twice a year for a luncheon, usually in the Spring and the Fall. This year the Fall luncheon was not going to work for our schedules, so we decided to hold a Christmas luncheon.

We had 45 women attend (on December 4, 2022) along with Fr. David Baetzold, Fr. Bill Sutherland, Fr. Ray Hahn and Deacon Denis Coan. Each woman purchases a lunch ticket and that allows us to have it catered so no one has to work making lunch. We usually have an equal amount of women from both St. John and Holy Rosary attend.

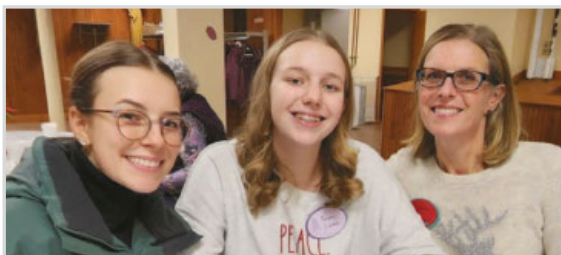
**Bonnie:** Remembering the first rule of "keeping it simple" we served a light luncheon prepared by Giant Eagle, KFC, Valerio's, etc. (no one has to cook a thing, just show up). On the agenda: information about Our Neighbor's Place, an update from Fr. David (and a humorous "almost true story") picking door prize winners, and lastly, socializing with each other outside church. I think we checked all of the "essential boxes"!

**Mary Margaret:** We are a social organization, however, we have also contributed to each of the parish's feast days by organizing auctions with the proceeds going to different charities. We also support Our Neighbor's Place with food and monetary donations. Two parish ministries have evolved from the Soul Sisters. The Soul Walks, (which sadly ended this year), the "cheer ups" (notes from our parishioners who are homebound), and the Prayer Shawl Ministries were the result of the women discussing different ways we could serve our community.

**Bonnie:** Mary Margaret and I look forward to seeing you again in the Spring of 2023!

**Mary Margaret:** Bonnie and I love organizing these luncheons and hope to continue them for many years to come!

Contributors: Bonnie Prokocki & Mary Margaret Skladanowski  
Photos: Lori Follett



Soul Sisters Luncheon





[Mass Intentions for the Week](#)

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023** (at SJB)  
8:00 am HR Frank Gredler (Knights of Columbus)

**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**  
8:00 am SJB Ronald Kopnitsky (Eileen Kraft)

**Thursday, January 12, 2023** (at SJB)  
8:00 am HR All Deceased Members of the Poniatowski & Krizanik Families (Carl & Mary Poniatowski)

**Friday, January 13, 2023**  
8:00 am SJB Ann & Steve Krym (Estate)

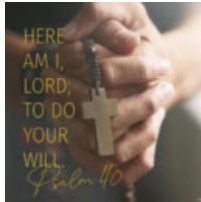
**Saturday, January 14, 2023** (at SJB)  
4:00 pm HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Sunday, January 15, 2023** (at SJB)  
8:00 am SJB Frank Gredler (Barb Dobrzynski)  
10:30 a.m. HR Joe & Patti Mattis (Ron Palombi)  
(at SJB) All Holy Rosary Masses are at St. John's until further notice.

All Daily Masses are now held in the Chapel at the SJB Rectory.

[Readings Next Weekend](#)  
[2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time](#)

1st Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6  
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3  
Gospel: John 1:29-34

[Lector Schedule](#)

Jan 14 4:00 p.m. Emily Artello  
Extraordinary Minister: Bonnie Prokocki  
Jan 15 8:00 a.m. Denny Deiner  
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Denis Coan  
Jan 15 10:30 a.m. Donna Mann & Cindy DeCoursey  
Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kendziora

[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:](#)

Jan 8 Julio Berarducci and Jim & Vinni Bartone  
Jan 9 Jean Zimmer  
Jan 10 Mary Ellen Lieb  
Jan 11 Mary Tighe  
Jan 12 Kay Kitch & Sue Doss  
Jan 13 Allene Kraus  
Jan 14 Jane Wagner

[Prayer for Vocations](#)

*O God, who wills not the death of a sinner \*but rather that he be converted and live\* grant we beseech you\* through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin\* Saint Joseph, her spouse\* St. Junipero Serra\* and all the saints\* an increase of laborers for your Church\* fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls\* through the same Jesus Christ\* Your Son\* Who lives and reigns with You\* In the unity of the Holy Spirit\* God forever\* and ever. Amen.*

Serra Prayer for Vocations

[Faith Formation at St. Luke](#)

K-5 Grade at St. Luke: Jessica Anaya 814-825-6920  
6-8 Grade & Youth Ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel:  
Rebecca Wiest 814-825-7313

[Our Neighbor's Place 2023](#)

We need your help with Season 11 of Our Neighbors' Place, a seasonal overflow shelter for adults who are homeless. This year the shelter returns to St. John the Baptist and will be set-up in Pastors' Hall. **Our first session will be January 11 - January 24 and the second session will be March 22 - April 4.** We need volunteers to work 4 hour shifts, provide bagged meals, and provide donations. For more information or to volunteer, contact Mary Ellen Lieb at [melieb4@gmail.com](mailto:melieb4@gmail.com) or Mary Hoffman at [mymary14@gmail.com](mailto:mymary14@gmail.com)

[Engagement Encounter](#)

Next to your own wedding day, Engagement Encounter is a weekend you will never forget! EE still has a few openings for its January 13 -15th weekend at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814.824.1261 to register. Space is limited; register today! EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage preparation. Catholic and Interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Interfaith couples are encouraged to apply.

[Mustard Seeds Meetings](#)

The St. John's/Holy Rosary Mustard Seed group reads and discusses the scripture readings for the upcoming week. This group meets on **January 12 & 26 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** the conference room at St. John's Rectory. All are welcome! Call 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. This group meets on **January 12 & 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** in the upstairs sitting room at St. John's Rectory. All are welcome! For more information or to receive a shawl, call Mary Margaret Skladanowski at 814-520-8903 or Debbie Totzke at 814-825-4493.

[Souper Chili Saturday](#)

**Souper Chili Saturday is coming!** Our parishes, in conjunction with the Mercy Center for Women, will hold a soup and chili cook off on Feb 4 after the 4:00 Mass. It will be held in the former Hastings Hall from 5:00 - 8:00. Tickets to attend and 50/50 tickets are available at the church entrances! Proceeds benefit our sister parish in Mexico and our adult faith formation program. Registration forms to enter you chili or soup are also at the entrances. There is a limit of 15 soup and 15 chili entries, so get your form in soon! Questions? Call Pat at 814-440-1987 or Mary at 814-392-6126.

[Special Thank You](#)

*Thank you St. John's & Holy Rosary Parishioners, your support is truly appreciated! Thank you for being caring and loving partnered parishes. You made a lot of families happy for Christmas. Besides the gifts for the Tree of Blessings, we also raised \$166.00 for St. Patrick's Haven. Our members know the meaning of giving.*

Once again, thank you, Sandy & Marge

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