

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

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February 19, 2023 Seventh Sunday In Ordinary



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All are welcome! / ¡ Todos son bienvenidos aquí!

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 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)

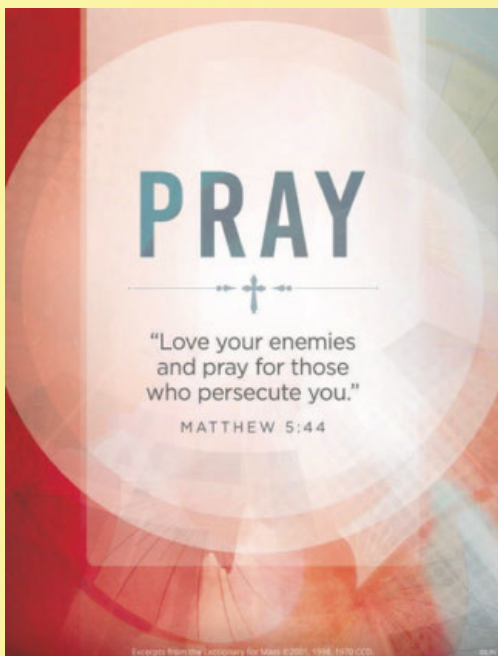
WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM Tues & Thurs at the chapel at Holy Rosary

8:00 AM Wed & Fri at the chapel at St. John's Rectory

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

**Holy Rosary weekend Masses remain at St. John's until further notice.*



Blessed Lent 2023 to everyone

Lent is such a special time of year for Christians throughout the world. I always think of it as the time I should be doing what I am supposed to be doing the rest of the year. We are all well aware of the traditional themes of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving. It is also a time of repentance of sins where we reflect on the importance of the sacrament of confession. And what would this time be without Stations of the Cross which will take place on Fridays (as well as abstaining from meat on that day)? And we end the season of Lent focusing on Our Lord's Passion and Death.

The older I get the more I get out of contemplating the Passion of Our Lord, especially in the Stations of the Cross. It brings meaning to my own sufferings as well as all those around me. And there is a lot of suffering going on, from some losing loved ones recently, to the victims caught in the war in Ukraine, to the border crisis, to the thousands of victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey.

And then there are those who suffer for their faith. A bishop I know in Nicaragua has just been sentenced to 10 years in prison for opposing the dictatorship government. A Nicaraguan priest I know there has been exiled from the country with many other priests as the government wages war on the Church. A Mexican priest was just killed the other day by his own brother who is a cartel member near Jalisco, Mexico. What a crazy world.

What is on my heart are the sufferings of so many not only in our own country but those outside of it too. Let us keep our brothers and sisters in our neighborhoods, our city of Erie, and those throughout the world in our prayers this Lenten time. May this truly be a blessed Lent in which we pray and fast and give alms in order to alleviate the great sufferings of our world. God bless you all.

Fr. David



Ash Wednesday

February 22

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
at St. John the Baptist

Receive ashes -
All are welcome!

A Special Thanks

On behalf of the women, children, and staff of the Mercy Center for Women, we thank you for your generous gift giving this Christmas. We are truly grateful to be your chosen charity for gift giving.

We are always grateful to the parishioners of St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary for your generous outreach during the Christmas season to our families.

Blessings,
Jennie Hagerty - Mercy Center for Women

2023 Catholic Services Appeal

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2023 CSA. Only by working together can we make it possible for parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic Charities, clergy and the Catholic faithful to live and share Christ's teaching. You may wonder why you should support the CSA. The truth is, as members of the Diocese of Erie, we play an important role in the diocesan activities of Catholic education, evangelization, promoting justice and serving people in need throughout our diocese. Our diocese has work to do on behalf of the Lord and we are all asked to share our gifts to help advance the mission of the church. Our bishop assures us that donations to the CSA are placed in a designated account and used solely to support the programs and ministries of the diocese and cannot be used for any other purpose. Your gift is so important. Thank you for giving.

*This year there will be no direct mail campaign to the parishioners of St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary. **Instead select a pledge envelope from the pews and prayerfully consider your commitment for 2023.** If this is not convenient for you, call Marsha in the church office.*

Thank you!

1:38 Women's Conference in Erie

Women of all ages and faiths are invited to come to the 8th Annual Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, **March 25, 2023** from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Jude, 2801 West 6th Street. Learn how to "Walk with Purpose!" and be inspired by talented National Speaker Laura Phelps. The day will conclude with the celebration of Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico. The cost \$20 for adults, \$10 for college students. Register online at www.138women.com or call 814-455-7364.

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:

- Feb 19 Mary & Lee Simmons and Leo Musarra
- Feb 20 Pat Bielenski
- Feb 21 Anne Shiel
- Feb 22 Carl & Mary Poniatowski
- Feb 23 Joan Cerrona
- Feb 24 Sr. Michele Schroeck

Our Special Thanks to Mary Hickin

Let us all be grateful for Mary Hickin these past years as she has served St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary Partnered Parishes with great love and devotion. She has been so diligent in preparing many for their sacraments and fostering life in our faith communities. Let us keep Mary in our prayers as she will continue to assist our partnered parishes when she can, just not to the extent that she has served in the past.

Thank you so much Mary! God bless you!

[Mass Intentions for the Week](#)**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

8:00 am HR Frank Gredler (Knights of Columbus)

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 am SJB Dorothy Fearn (Charlotte Kujawinski)

6:00 pm SJB For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, February 23, 2023

7:00 am HR Holy Hour

8:00 am HR Ted Dudzinski, Jr. (Alan & Marylisa Paprocki)

Friday, February 24, 2023

8:00 am SJB Angelo & Mafalda Cipriani (Dom & Joanne Cipriani)

Saturday, February 25, 2023 (at SJB)

4:00 pm HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, February 26, 2023 (at SJB)

8:00 am SJB Nick & Josephine D'Annibale (Dom & Joanne)

10:30 a.m. HR Dorothy Gianoni (Lena Langer)

* Both Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at St. John's.

*HR Weekend Masses remain at St. John's until further notice.

[Readings Next Weekend](#)**1st Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7

2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

[A Family Perspective](#)

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking / driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be FAMILY to others.

[Thursday Holy Hour for Priests](#)

Our Holy Hour will be held each **Thursday morning from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. in the Holy Rosary Chapel.** You're invited to come in any time and stay as long as you choose. Please join us in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for priests and priestly vocations. Our first Thursday Holy Hour will be held on Thursday February 23, after Ash Wednesday. Thursday Daily Mass is 8:00 a.m. in the Holy Rosary Chapel following the Holy Hour. We're looking forward to praying with you.

[Lector Schedule](#)

Feb 25 4:00 p.m. Rob Kocur
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Matthew Ochalek

Feb 26 8:00 a.m. Denny Deiner
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Denis Coan

Feb 26 10:30 a.m. Richard Marshall & Pat Fronzaglia
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Matthew Ochalek

[Open House Breakfast](#)

Parishioners of St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary Partnered Parishes and guests are invited to an open house breakfast on **Sunday, February 19 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.** This open house breakfast will take place in the St. John's Rectory. If you haven't seen the new chapel, come and visit. All are welcome!

[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

[Baptismal preparation class](#)

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

[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 **February 23 & March 9 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 **February 23 & March 9 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.

[Vocation Chalice Program](#)

Be part of helping vocations grow. 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. To get on the schedule please contact Allene Kraus at 814-825-3501 or Julie Sins at 814-384-1412 or juliesins@aol.com

[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

[Contact Information](#)

Contact Information: If you have changed phone numbers or addresses, have dropped a land line, please contact Marsha in the church office so we can update our database.

Church Office Closed: The church office for St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary will be closed on **Monday, February 20, 2023** in honor of President's Day.

[Offertory Update](#)[Holy Rosary January 2023 Offertory](#)

Weekly	9,332.50
Loose	427.22
Online giving	326.54
Holy Days	1,860.00
Total January Offertory:	\$11,946.26

[St. John the Baptist January 2023 Offertory](#)

Weekly	5,393.00
Loose	415.00
Online giving	757.36
Holy Days	1,723.00
Total January Offertory:	\$8,288.36

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