

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

**Rev. David Baetzold, Pastor**

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

**February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent**

**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 in the chapel at Holy Rosary

**8:00 AM** Wed & Fri in 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.*



### **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

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

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





### Faith Share—Lent

*Lent always brings happiness to me. The earth begins to reawaken and people start thinking about spring with all of its beauty and also that it is a holy season.*

*Catholics start thinking about what they will give up for this season of Lent. I like to think about what I can do. I may write an article that will make people smile. I like to say some special prayers for the world and all those who are suffering; and there are many. I can make a donation to the poor.*

*I have fond memories of Ash Wednesday when we would walk over to church to get our ashes. I always felt that anything is possible with God. I still believe that. I believe God created the world. That thought is always on my mind. It is amazing all the bodies of water and dry land and all the creatures in it. My mother always said "how can you not believe in God when we look at nature and all its beauty.*

*God bless everyone in this holy season and a happy and holy Easter. And Jesus—the Creator of the universe be with us always and may we meditate on your passion that you so lovingly died for us.*

*Thank you Lord for life.*

*Eileen Kraft*

'Faith Share' is an opportunity for parishioners to share their faith with others. Eileen is a member of Holy Rosary. Thank you Eileen for sharing your faith. If you wish to share your thoughts on faith, send them to Marsha in the church office at [parish.secretary@holyrosaryerie.org](mailto:parish.secretary@holyrosaryerie.org) or [secretary@sjberie.org](mailto:secretary@sjberie.org)

### Gen Z and Mental Health

The Erie Diocesan Office of Faith Formation is pleased to offer a live Zoom webinar with national speaker Steven Ellair of Springtide Research Institute and St. Mary's Press, presenting *Gen Z and Mental Health: What Faith Leaders Need to Know* on March 9 at 7 p.m. Mental health is a top issue in the lives of young people. This presentation will give an opportunity for religious leaders, parents and other trusted adults to understand how faith can play an important role in combating the unfolding mental health epidemic. See flier for registration details. Call Mary Hickin for more information at 814-824-1222.

### St. Luke Knights of Columbus fish dinners

The Knights of Columbus Council 11229 is sponsoring Lenten fish dinners on Feb. 24 and on March 3, 10 and 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Luke Café, 421 East 38<sup>th</sup> St., Erie. Take out is available. For more information call Marty Drabic at 814.460.6338. See flier for details.

### 2023 Catholic Services Appeal

**A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/ or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal.** You have joined together with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Erie to share of 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 parish office. Your generosity is most appreciated.

*As a reminder, this year there is 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!*

### 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:

Feb 26	Cindy DeCoursey
Feb 27	Mary Tighe
Feb 28	Marge Burbee
Mar 1	Paul Gostomski and Lori Follett
Mar 2	Tricia Balinski
Mar 3	Jen Baker and Charlotte Kujawinski
Mar 4	Denny Deiner

#### 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*

### Staff of St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary

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### Communion Visits to those at home

If you wish a Communion home visit, please call the church office and ask for Marsha so that regular home visits can be scheduled. We are here for you and care. Please **call the church office at 814-456-4254 or 814-454-2873.**

[Mass Intentions for the Week](#)**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

8:00 am HR Ken Hardner (Children)

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

8:00 am SJB Harry &amp; Stella Mikolajewski (Terry, Neil &amp; Emily)

**Thursday, March 2, 2023**

7:00 am HR Holy Hour for Priests

8:00 am HR Bob Kitch (Kay &amp; Sue)

**Friday, March 3, 2023**

8:00 am SJB Jerry Kirk (Bill &amp; Corrine Dyakon)

**Saturday, March 4, 2023 (at SJB)**

4:00 pm HR Kevin Weise (Charles &amp; Geraldine Dunn)

**Sunday, March 5, 2023 (at SJB)**

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

10:30 a.m. HR Poniatowski &amp; Krizanik Families (Carl &amp; Mary)

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

**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week in memory of Anthony Manendo (Tom & Cori Brown).

[Readings Next Weekend](#)**2nd Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Gn 12:1-4a

2nd Reading: 2 Tm 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

[In Remembrance](#)

*Our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Louis Cioccio.*

*May he rest in peace.*

[A Family Perspective](#)

*In today's gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2023 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.*

[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. 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](#)

Mar 4 4:00 p.m. Bonnie Prokocki  
Extraordinary Minister: Dee Byrne

Mar 5 8:00 a.m. Joanne Deiner  
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Denis Coan

Mar 5 10:30 a.m. Melissa Hannah & Alice Kendziora  
Extraordinary Minister: Donna Mann

[To request prayer or to join the people praying](#)

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

[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 **March 9 & 23 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 **March 9 & 23 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](mailto:juliesins@aol.com)

[10th Annual Men's Conference](#)

Join men from across the Diocese of Erie for the Tenth Annual 22:32 Men's Conference on **Saturday, March 4, 2023** from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Jude, Erie. National speakers include Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, a former professional soccer player, and Fr. Larry Richards of the Diocese of Erie and Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico. The cost \$20. To register visit [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com) or call 814-455-7364.

[1:38 Women's Conference in Erie](#)

Women of all ages and faiths are invited to come to the 8th Annual Women's Conference 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 Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico. The cost \$20 for adults, \$10 for college students. Register online at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) or call 814-455-7364.

[Eucharistic Revival – Art Contest 2023](#)

Do you love to draw or paint? Create videos? Here's a contest for you! As part of the Eucharistic Revival, the Faith Formation Office and Erie Catholic Schools are sponsoring an **art and video contest on the Eucharist**. Using a creative medium, students respond to this question: Eucharist - What Does it Mean to You? Top prizes in each category and age group win \$75! **Submissions are due by March 17**. Visit [ErieRCD.org/art.html](http://ErieRCD.org/art.html) for details and the submission form.

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